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PREFACE.

THE Domestic State Papers calendared in the present volume extend over only the first nine months of 1644. They are taken up chiefly with the history of three memorable campaigns; that of Sir William Waller against the King's army around Oxford, which resulted in the battle of Cropredy Bridge; that of the Earl of Essex in the West, where he lost his army; and that of the combined Scottish and English armies before York, which culminated in the victory of Marston-Moor. Of the doings of the Parliaments either at Westminster or Oxford little will be found in this volume, the greater portion of the papers relating to military affairs. This fact calls for special notice, as it is owing to the inclusion of the military correspondence of the Committee of both Kingdoms with the Generals in the field in the regular series of State Papers, instead of their treatment as belonging to a separate Committee, that the vast increase of entries in this volume is due. In former Prefaces* the student had been led to expect a great reduction in the bulk of correspondence as the reign of Charles I. was drawing to a close. This, at the time these Prefaces were written, seemed to be a necessary consequence of the Secretaries of State's papers not having been stored, as usual, in the King's repository at Westminster, and of the Parliament's papers remaining in the private libraries of the families whose ancestors took leading parts in the constitutional struggle of the 16th century, usually designated the Great Rebellion. On a fuller investigation of the entry-books of the Committees

* Cal. Chas. I., vol. i., p. vi., and vol. xvii., p. i.

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by which the Parliament's government was carried on, it has been found that the correspondence of the Committee of both Kingdoms, often designated the Derby House Committee, from its having held its ordinary sittings at Derby House in Cannon Row, Westminster, really formed an integral part of the history of the reign of Charles I. This collection of papers not being, like those of the other Parliamentary Committees, confined to specific objects, but of a general character, seemed to deserve a separate and different mode of treatment. The consequence is that the State Papers for the year 1644, instead of proving very meagre, are unusually voluminous. This is the more gratifying as that year proved to be the turning point in the great civil war. An additional reason for the inclusion of this correspondence under its proper dates in the general series of State Papers is the fact that these letters to and from the military commanders are all comprised within the reign of Charles I., whereas the papers of all the other Committees extend into the period of the Commonwealth. On this account alone the division of the latter into separate sections of Charles I. and Commonwealth would be unadvisable. These Derby House papers, it should be observed, promise to be of great interest to the historian and local antiquary, having previously been but little consulted. They supply an authentic account of the military operations of the Parliament's forces based upon the best of all possible authorities, the letters of the Generals and officers in the field. From these a clear judgment can be formed of the military prospects of the two contending parties at the several crises of the civil war.

During the first two years of the civil war, the Parliament's forces mainly consisted of local levies designed to defend the several counties and Associations by

which they were raised and paid, and being commanded by the Lord General Essex under the immediate control of Parliament, or rather of the House of Lords sitting at Westminster which assumed the direction of all military matters, they were but little influenced by the authority of the Committee of Safety, which acted for England only, not like its generic successor, the Committee of both Kingdoms. With the advent of the Scottish army on English soil in January 1643–4, a new modification of the system of war became imperative, trenching on the authority of Essex and the supervision of the Lords, which had proved itself inefficient even for carrying on military operations on a small scale. Now that two independent nations were combined in the common enterprise, it became imperative that there should be a more efficient central authority, in which the interests of both might be adequately represented. On January 30th, Mr. Crew moved in the Commons that a small Committee of two or three members should be chosen to carry out arrangements with the Commissioners who were expected to arrive with the Scottish army, so as "to "maintain unity and prevent discontents between them "and us," and to communicate to Parliament such resolutions as should be agreed on between them. It was very evident, however, that to render such a Committee efficient, both its numbers and authority must be greatly augmented; otherwise it would prove little more efficacious than the existing Committee of Safety which it was designed to supplant. Sir H. Vane and the Solicitor General St. John, two of the most active members of the War Party, undertook to draft another ordinance for the nomination of a permanent Committee, to consist of seven Peers and fourteen Commoners, who should be invested with authority to

make arrangements for the advancement of the common cause, as might be agreeable to both nations. This draft bill was entrusted to the charge of Viscount Saye and Sele, who submitted it to the Lords, by whom it was approved and sent down to the Commons for acceptance. There, however, the Peace Party soon detected that its effect would be to trench on the supreme authority of Parliament in directing the war. To obviate this objection, a clause was inserted in the ordinance, reserving the initiative of all matters to be settled with the Scots to both Houses, who ought to be informed of the conclusions arrived at before they were finally determined. The direction of all military matters was to be left in the hands of the Committee, who were to advise as to "the carrying on and managing of "the war," and as to negotiations with foreign States; but all intercourse with the King and the Assembly at Oxford without the express order of Parliament was precluded.* The Lords, who had originally approved the design of a joint Committee, now earnestly opposed it, seeing how it would curtail their influence in military affairs. On all points, however, the Lords were obliged to give way, except on a clause imposing an oath of secrecy on the members of the Committee, which they successfully resisted, on the ground "that every member of either House had "a right to know all that concerned the affairs of the "State."† In this form the ordinance passed on the 16th February, and it was at once put into operation. Even before the final settlement of the Committee, we find (17th January) the Committees and Commissioners of both Kingdoms publishing a declaration,‡ setting forth

* Journals of the Lords and Commons. † Lords' Journals, vi., 440.
‡ This volume, page 4, No. 16.

that "the two Houses, considering the great danger to "religion and liberty from the great forces of Papists "and others employed for the destruction thereof, have "by their Commissioners desired the kingdom of Scot- "land to join in their just endeavours to preserve and "reform religion, procuring the honour and happiness "of the King, now engaged in counsels prejudicial to "himself and his kingdoms, and to settle the peace and "liberty of his dominions." They further go on to state that "the kingdom of Scotland has readily yielded there- "unto, and raised an army for the ends above expressed, "to be ordered by us the Committees and Commissioners "of both kingdoms, we being therefore desirous to take "the most orderly way for the provisioning of the said "army, desire to acquaint you with what is expected "from you, the inhabitants of those parts through which "this army shall pass, that so you may not be oppressed "with arbitrary taxes and unreasonable spoils, [like "those] which you have suffered from those [soldiers "of the Royalist armies] who have lived amongst you "and upon you." This may be taken as an example of the first fruits of the new Committee's management, and when it became permanently established its endeavours were directed by the like moderation and foresight.

It should be noted here that this Derby House correspondence is complete in all its branches, so far as this volume is concerned, viz., the proceedings of the Committee at its sittings from day to day, the letters despatched by it to the several officers in command of the Parliament's forces, and their communications to it, giving full accounts of their doings, and of the battles and skirmishes in which they had been engaged. These last are the more interesting and valuable for the historian, and, if read *seriatim* as they appear chronologically in

this Calendar, give a very faithful and full exposition of the progress of the civil war.

Subsequently to 1644, whether by design or accident, the entry-books containing the correspondence of the Derby House Committee have been preserved for certain periods only, so that the series is imperfect in one or more of its sections. Thus the day-books, containing the daily proceedings of the Committee are wanting from 5th July 1645 till January 1648, with the exception of the remaining months of 1645 and the first four of 1646, which are supplied from a draft day-book and an index to a missing day-book; while the entry-books of letters sent from the Committee to the commanders in the field are complete from the commencement of the Committee in February 1644 till its dissolution in December 1648, with the omission of one volume, containing the correspondence between March 1647 and January 1648. The most regrettable *lacunæ*, however, are the entry-books containing the letters received from the Parliament's officers in the field, of which two volumes only are preserved, extending from 1st June 1644 to 16th February 1645. These last are the most historically valuable of the whole series.

These Committee books are all connected with the doings of the Parliament's forces, and are therefore in a political sense all one-sided, but in this volume of Calendar they are largely supplemented by Royalist letters preserved amongst the regular series of State Papers. When the Committee's first term of three months was expired, it was renewed on May the 22nd, and Mr. Prideaux was directed to prepare a declaratory ordinance* defining the "directions the Committee of both Kingdoms was

* See p. 166, and Commons' Journals, iii., p. 504.

"appointed to follow," and to insert in it the oath of secrecy which had been formerly rejected. The members constituting the Committee were the same as before for England, but now three only were constituted a quorum, whereof one member of each House was required to be present, and the Scottish members were John Earl of Loudoun, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, John Lord Maitland, Sir Archibald Johnstone of Warristone, and Mr. Robert Barclay, who were not named in the former commission. These, or any seven of them, were to form a Committee "to order and direct whatsoever doth or "may concern the managing of the war, keeping good "intelligence between the forces of the three kingdoms, "and whatsoever may concern the peace of his Majesty's "dominions."*

This "omnipotent ordinance," as it was termed when first propounded in February, now received the sanction of Parliament, notwithstanding vehement opposition in the Upper House, and the Committee resumed its sittings on the 24th May,† with these increased powers.

The constitutional effect of this Committee in modifying the subsequent mode of action of the English Government has been so admirably defined by Mr. Gardiner‡ that any description of it would be imperfect without quoting the following passage:—"To the constitutional "historian the ordinance by which it was appointed is "important as containing not only the first germ of a "political union between England and Scotland, but "also the first germ of the modern cabinet system. As "far as the English members of the Committee were "concerned; it was a body composed of members of both "Houses, exercising general executive powers under

* See p. 166, and Commons' Journals, iii., p. 504.

† See Proceedings of the Committee in this vol., p. 167.

‡ Great Civil War, i., p. 360.

" responsibility to Parliament, and not merely, like the " old Committee of Safety, a mere channel to convey " information to Parliament and to take its orders."

Having described the constitution of the Committee of both Kingdoms and the character of the papers comprised in this volume of Calendar, it now remains to notice briefly some of the salient points of the history of the period it embraces, as read by the light of these contemporary documents.

The month of January 1643–4 was memorable for three important events: the passage of the Scottish army over the Tweed, at the invitation of the Parliament at Westminster, on the 19th, in the midst of snow and frost;* the assembling of the Anti-Parliament at Oxford on the 22nd of the same month, by summons of the King, in opposition to the Parliament at Westminster; and thirdly, the appointment of the famous Lord Kimbolton, who had now succeeded his father as Earl of Manchester, to the independent command of the army of the Associated Eastern Counties. This last event occurred on the same day as the King's address to the " Antick-Parliament " at Oxford, as it was derisively designated by the Roundheads. It was styled the " Mongrel-Parliament " by the King himself,† after a short experience of its quality, as he found it almost as intractable as the disowned Parliament at Westminster. This, however, was not so much owing to the personal tergiversation of its members as to the unnatural position in which they found themselves, as a Parliament representing only a minority of the nation.

Those historians therefore who marvel that so many

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* Clarendon, Hist. of the Rebellion, vol. ii., part 1, and vol. iii., p. 455, ed. 1720.

† Letter to the Queen, 13th March 1644–5. King's Cabinet opened, No. 13.

conscientious and upright men should have obeyed the summons to Oxford, underrate the attachment of Englishmen to the constitution and to the hereditary sovereignty. "The King," we read, "has warned all Parliament men "to appear this month [January] at Oxford, and has "promised them all their pardon if they come."* When the King thus held out the hand of reconciliation, it was a hard struggle of conscience to reject the proffered boon. Besides in a perpetual, irresponsible, and non-representative House of Commons, with whose aims they did not sympathise, the seceding members felt they had no place. Their dearest wish was to be governed after the ancient manner, and we may add for most of them, according to the constitution as modified by the Parliamentary changes it had recently undergone. But in repairing to Oxford they had no intention of wholly surrendering their liberties, and being made an instrument by the Court for enforcing its decrees and voting subsidies and impositions for the prolongation of a fratricidal war. The same sort of dissensions therefore speedily arose between the majority of the Oxford Parliament and the King as had proved irrepressible between him and that at Westminster. The only point in which members of the Oxford Parliament cordially agreed with the courtiers and military followers of the King, was dislike of the "canting hypocrites" at Westminster, whom they stigmatised as traitors, in an Act ordering that their authority should be no longer respected as that of Parliament. This decisive step cut off all hopes of a reconciliation, for the Westminster Parliament would not treat with the King unless he acknowledged them as the Parliament, "which it seems the King will not, so "there is an end of that business."†

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* This vol., p. 3, No. 10. † Ibid.

The proffered aid of the Scots, while in a military sense it greatly augmented the Westminster Parliament's authority, weakened it in the public estimation by reintroducing the burning question of Presbyterian supremacy, which now became as much detested by the Sectaries as it had been by the Episcopalians, most of whom were gone to Oxford. This religious element, entering into most of the social contests which occupied the attention of the House of Commons, revived the bitter animosities of the old political parties, and caused the members to group themselves into *coteries*, only slightly different in their constituents, but based on an entirely divergent idea. Thus the Peace and War parties, into which the Houses had recently been divided, became gradually remodelled, so as to form the Presbyterians and Independents of the subsequent period commencing with 1645, whose internecine struggles finally led to the extinction of the Parliament's authority altogether, and the substitution of the Cromwellian *régime*. The section of the Parliament which sat at Oxford likewise became differentiated into two divergent factors, those who were for thorough siding with Charles in his mischievous substitution of prerogative in place of law, and those who held by the old constitutional theory of an evenly balanced constitution. The beginning of the year 1643–4 may therefore be designated as the commencement of the second stage of the revolutionary epoch.

The Parliament at Oxford, although not as compliant as some Royalists could have wished, was very effective in reconciling the wealthier classes to the pecuniary sacrifices required for maintaining the King's cause, and their example induced other bodies and individuals to come forward with a lavish generosity, occasioning in some instances an artistic loss much to be regretted. Some of the finest gold and silver plate in the kingdom,

including the magnificent services from the Universities, was ruthlessly melted down to keep the Royalist troops from perishing during their long winter service, for no general cessation of arms in the field had this last year coincided with the setting in of the autumnal rains. Neither side during the winter of 1643–4 went into winter quarters, but both kept continually on the alert. It was a time of great "searching of hearts," for old things in a military sense were passing away, and a new *régime* had to be inaugurated. Until this winter, the Earl of Essex had stood forward in name, as well as in fact, as the man of the hour, on whose skill and firmness the Parliamentarians had almost solely relied.

During the autumn and winter which followed the campaign ending with the relief of Gloucester, the Parliament had been busily engaged in organizing fresh armies, and placing new Generals at the head of commands virtually independent of the authority of the Lord General. Foremost amongst these new commands was that of the Earl of Manchester; but it was only too obvious that his army, although united and well disciplined, was by itself insufficient to cope with the equally experienced army of the Earl of Newcastle. The Parliament, therefore, gladly accepted the aid of the Scots to supplement the forces which Lords Fairfax and Manchester were able to put into the field. On receiving assurance of their help, the Parliament, or rather the Lords, proceeded to marshal their forces for the next year's campaign, which had already commenced, but the necessity for a more centralized authority became daily evident. This, as before stated, was effected by the embodiment of the Committee of both Kingdoms.

The grand problem with which the Committee of both Kingdoms had to contend was, how to combine divided

responsibility amongst the Generals with unity of action in the field, else the result of this next summer's campaign would be in favour of the Royalists as it had been in the earlier stages of the war. As an example of the reconciliatory influence exercised by the Committee of both Kingdoms, reference may be made to their Proceedings of the 10th September, where Minute 8,* directs letters "to be written to Manchester, Waller, Behr, "Skippon, Middleton, and Col. Cromwell, to lay aside "all disputes of their rights and privileges and to join "heartily together in the present service, to propose to "them the example of the three Generals [Manchester, "Leven, and Fairfax] before York, and to desire them so "to order the matter of command by common advice and "consent as the public service may be noways retarded; "also that a duplicate of these letters be sent to the Lord "General [Essex], who is to use his best endeavours in "preventing all differences between the commanders." The whole responsibility of the management of the war now rested with the Committee of both Kingdoms, whose directions were unhesitatingly enforced by the authority of both Houses of Parliament; the only exception being the ill-starred expedition of the Earl of Essex into the West. This the Committee entirely disapproved of, having given instructions for his army to join with Sir William Waller's in the siege of Oxford. In this city the King's head-quarters were located, and from thence the Royalists issued on every available occasion, to distress the midland counties and inspire fear in the Parliament at Westminster. While Oxford remained untaken, the Parliament could never rely on having a sufficient force ready at hand to check these sudden enterprises. A cursory glance at the map will show that the taking of

* p. 488.

Oxford would have greatly curtailed the quarters of the Royalists, even if the King himself were not made prisoner, but Essex had no mind for the task, and preferred to assign it to Sir William Waller. Fearing what the result might be if Oxford were besieged, the Queen retired to Exeter on the 17th April. It was at first contemplated that Rupert should conduct her to Chester, from whence, if need were, she might escape to Ireland. Her decision, however, changed when she found how ill the scheme for the importation of the Irish auxiliaries was received by the Oxford Parliament. The suggestion for bringing over these English-Irish troops at once aroused much of the religious animosity which had proved so fatal to Strafford. As her time approached, it was but natural that the Queen should desire a place of security where she might remain in retirement whilst having her eighth child. The West being freest from the turmoils of war led her to select Exeter as the most secure refuge, from whence she might escape to France if the Royalist cause should become less hopeful ;* this proving to be the case, as we gather from Lord Goring's letter of the 21st June† to the King's Secretary Nicholas, in which occurs this touching passage :—

"God bless his Majesty and send sweet England peace, and then little shall I trouble myself for my own particular, how ruined soever. I had all from his Majesty, and he hath all again. It is here yet believed his Majesty is in a very ill posture and his arms ill-guided, but if all be true that my intelligence gives me, I cannot be of that mind. I beseech you and Lord Digby to compare my letters and then you will know even what I think."

The Queen lay in at Bedford House, in Exeter, where her eighth and last child was born on the 16th June. The baby, although reported by the Lord Admiral

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* Baillie's Letters and Journals, ii., p. 151. † pp. 259–261.

Warwick* as a boy, proved to be a daughter. She received at baptism the name of Henrietta after her mother, whom in after years she greatly resembled both in person and character. The King, in his letter of June 30† written in cipher, but which being intercepted never came to the Queen's hands, thus writes :—

"Now I must again rejoice with thee for thy happy delivery. As for the christening of my younger and, as they say, prettiest daughter, I heartily thank thee that I being so far off thou would'st stay for my directions. For the one part, which is choosing of the godfathers, I leave totally to thee ; but for the place and form, I desire it should be in the Cathedral [of Exeter] if the health of my little baby will permit."

On the 25th June the House of Commons were prevailed on to grant Essex's "dearest wish," and authorized him to pursue his advance westward, leaving Waller to attend on the King's movements, and to take Oxford if he could. When this news reached Exeter, the Queen became still more alarmed for her safety, fearing to be besieged in Exeter,‡ and she began to be affected in mind, as would appear from Lord Goring's intercepted letter of the 4th July,§ which was written in cipher and addressed to the Queen by the King's command :—‖

"For God's sake, Madame, do not be so cruel to us as to destroy all these blessings by the looseness of your believing yourself unsafe, for without security and happiness no earthly joy can have a taste, either with the King or with any of his or your true servants."

Notwithstanding repeated assurances of her safety and of the King's intention of marching westward after Essex, the Queen persisted in her desire to place the English Channel between herself and danger. The King's consent having been obtained, arrangements were made ¶

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* p. 240. † p. 314. ‡ p. 318.
§ pp. 315–317. ‖ p. 314. ¶ p. 316.

for her departure to France. "In the meantime," writes Digby, "it is conceived you cannot take a better course "than what Prince Maurice writes to the King, and Lord "Jermyn to me, is already resolved on."* From the circumstance that these intercepted letters† are in the cipher of Lord Jermyn instead of that ordinarily employed in communications between the King and Queen, they have remained hitherto sealed to historians. The manner of their capture is narrated in a letter of John Cartwright to Speaker Lenthall, of the 6th July,‡ and they are thus described by Colonel Devereux, Governor of Malmesbury, who forwarded them to Speaker Lenthall on the same day :—

"His Majesty's letter to the Queen was enclosed in a blank paper, on the outside of which was only capital esses, and sealed with two seals, neither of which was his Majesty's signet manual. It was written with his Majesty's own hand on a small piece of paper, only the breadth of three fingers, both closely written and closely made up. [In it] came the copy you see; for whom it was intended and to whom it should have been secondarily sent may be easily understood. Many other letters came with it, all which were sent to his Excellency [the Lord General Essex], none of any consequence except those other three enclosed from Lord George Digby severally to the Queen, Lord Jermyn, and the Duchess of Buckingham. One other letter I sent his Excellency sealed with the signet manual and directed thus, 'To the Queen,' which I did not break open. Till your or his Excellency's commands [come], I have given order Mr. Hay should be used with all civility befitting his quality."

The draft of a letter to be addressed by the Queen mentioned in the above extract was probably for Essex, with whom it was thought that the Queen still possessed some influence, he having been the Lord Chamberlain of the Household in the years 1641 and 1642. That the Queen had hopes of some sympathy from him would

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* p. 316. † pp. 313–319. ‡ p. 313.

appear from her application addressed to him at this time for a safe-conduct to enable her to visit the healing springs at Bath. The Earl refused this demand, but sent her word that, "if she would go to London, where she "might consult the best physicians, he would himself "conduct her thither." This insidious offer she at once declined, bearing in mind that her impeachment had already been voted by Parliament. London under such circumstances was the last place she desired to visit.

On the 30th June, Lord Jermyn writes,* "The Queen "is this day gone towards Falmouth, intending to embark "herself for France;" but it was the 14th of July before she was able to sail, and then only at great personal risk.

On the 11th July, the Lord Admiral Warwick writes:—†

"I have despatched my Vice-Admiral to Falmouth, where I am informed the Queen [of England] has diverse ships in readiness to transport her into France, if not prevented; he has three good ships with him, and if there be occasion [for action] you may expect a very faithful account of that service."

On the 14th, when the Queen's ships sailed, one of the Vice-Admiral's ships gave chase and fired some shots at the vessel in which the Queen was. It however escaped and landed her Majesty at Brest on the 16th July, whence she repaired to the Spa at Bourbon, and from thence went to Tours on her way to Paris.‡ The Lord Admiral, feeling that some blame attached to him for not preventing her escape, writes three days after to the Committee of both Kingdoms:—

"By my last I advertised you that I had sent my Vice-Admiral to Falmouth to attend the Queen's coming out from thence, the issue whereof will be represented to you in my Vice-Admiral's own relation, a copy whereof I enclose. By this narration it will

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* p. 318. † p. 342.

‡ Evelyn's Diary, ed. 1870, p. 66.

appear that on Sunday last the Queen with the assistance of ten ships and vessels made her escape. I am sorry I cannot give another account of this service. But if the numbers of ships in these parts be considered, and the manner of dispersing them, I suppose it will be easily admitted that I have done my duty, having here at that time only eight ships, whereof the 'Reformation,' 'Paramour,' and 'Warwick,' being three of our best sailers, were sent to Falmouth."

The Queen's determination to seek shelter in France does not appear to have changed the King's intention of following Essex into the West, where at first the Lord General's march was next thing to a military promenade. But before this could be attempted it was necessary to dispose of Waller. So, leaving Woodstock on the 21st, the King hastened to Buckingham,* where, arriving on the 22nd, he held a Council of War, the question apparently being whether it would be more advisable to attempt a diversion on the side of the Association of the Eastern Counties,† in order to draw off the Earl of Manchester from the siege of York, and so enable that city to hold out until Rupert could march for its relief, or to advance at once upon London, before Waller could collect a sufficient army to oppose his progress, and thus strike at the centre of the rebellion. Whilst Essex and Waller acted together it was impossible for the King to attempt anything of this nature; but now that they were acting on different lines, it was thought not to be impracticable, by concentrating his forces, to vanquish them separately. For so bold a strategy the Parliament was not prepared, and great alarm prevailed in the capital until the King's destination was known. On the 23rd June, the Committee of both Kingdoms wrote to their sub-committee‡ in the army before York,—

"We received yours of the 17th inst., and to-day intelligence

* p. 267. † Ibid. ‡ Ibid.

came that upon Friday, 21st, the King marched from Oxford to Bicester, where he lay that night, and was yesterday at Buckingham, intending, as is supposed, for the Earl of Manchester's Association. The strength of his forces is variously reported of, from eight to twelve thousand foot and horse. We have written to Sir Wm. Waller to follow him with all expedition, and the forces that are to go forth under command of Major-General Browne are in preparation. Some of his forces are to march this night or to-morrow, which, with the assistance of the forces that can be presently raised in the Associated Counties, we hope will be able to keep off the impression till Sir Wm. Waller come up."

The danger to London, however, was not yet considered entirely past. The Committee of both Kingdoms ordered Major-General Browne to throw himself with such few troops as he had between the Royalist army and London, in order to give time for Sir William Waller to come up with his army, this being the only one then available, Essex having marched westward, and Manchester being in the north; so that the eastern counties as well as London were left unprotected. Hazardous as this service seemed to him, Richard Browne, the Woodmonger* as he was derisively called by his critics, courageously effected it, arriving in Barnet on the 25th June with his City regiments.

"I am now at Barnet," he writes, "with two regiments, the White and Red Auxiliaries, and six pieces of ordnance. The Blue regiment is not yet come to us, having refused to march without a month's advance. The whole three regiments, if together, will not amount to above 500. The enemy, as I am credibly informed, number 10,000, and as many horse as foot, quartering about Dunstable and Leyton [Leighton-Buzzard]. It is reported that of 3,000 countrymen who were gathered together at Hitchin 300 were not armed, and upon an alarm most ran away, nor can I hear of any considerable force to join with us hereabouts, and indeed I cannot imagine what we shall do to secure ourselves, having no horse. If the design be thought considerable I desire more strength may be speedily sent."†

* Soc. Camd. O.S., No. LXXIV., p. 190. † p. 275.

The object of the Committee being to delay the King's advance until Waller could come up, which he did on the 28th, was thus attained. Although Waller's army was not sufficiently strong, even with the reinforcements which had been sent, to offer battle, except at an advantage, it was competent so to hamper the King that any attempt on London, if ever seriously contemplated, was abandoned, and the royal army turned off towards Daventry followed by Waller. Sir William, whose courage seemed to grow with his difficulties, did not hesitate to match his citizen army against the better trained forces of the King, and on the very day he came up with them prepared for an engagement. "This day," he writes,* "in all likelihood, will prove a deciding day; the Lord "prosper his own cause for His great name's sake. . . . "I praise God I find a great deal of cheerfulness in the "army, and I doubt not we shall render you a good "account of our service. . . . We are drawing into "the field, and therefore I can only give you this short "assurance." The expected battle did not come off, as the King had no inclination to diminish his strength by a premature engagement, being well aware that his better trained and horsed troops would weary out his adversary in a long march. So all the next day the two armies continued to march one on either side of the river Cherwell towards Banbury, "his Majesty facing us beyond "the bridge."†

"This morning, 29th June," writes Waller,‡ "we are "drawn out again in battalia. The King's army is "drawing up hill; most of his horse are fallen down "towards Cropredy, whether it be to secure their retreat "or to make their passage that way to fight upon more

* p. 288. † p. 290. ‡ Ibid.

"equal ground, is yet not certain, but we shall quickly "know. If they have a mind to it they will as gladly "be welcomed as ever men were." This offer of battle was declined, as it had been on the preceding day.

In the morning early (29th June), Waller, lying on the hill before Banbury, perceived* "the enemy going with "bag and baggage towards Northampton, whereupon, "with all possible haste, I rose and marched to Burton, "which brought me full in upon the flank of the enemy, "and gave me a great advantage."

For a description of what followed, and how the fight at Cropredy was lost and won by the Royalists, reference is made to the letter of Sir William Waller (at page 293), who seems to have been quite contented with his performance on that day; though the account of it by Lord Digby, from his letter in cipher calendared at page 316, gives the victory to the Royalists. The King himself, writing† to his wife, Henrietta Maria, on the 30th June, the day after the battle, supports Digby's view of it:—

"I could stay no longer from giving thee an account of yesterday's good success, which though it has not been the greatest, yet it was the dearest that I have seen, but it was the ugliest beginning that ever I saw; as for the particulars, I refer you to this bearer's relation, who was an eye-witness, and other men's pens."

The before-mentioned letter of Lord Digby, which is addressed to the Queen, is probably the one more especially referred to here by the King, at whose dictation it was apparently written "What further use "we shall make of this victory," writes Digby,‡ "cannot "as yet be resolved on, but certainly the reputation "of it will have a great effect, especially if it be true "that Waller himself is much hurt."

Waller's estimate of the result of this battle,§ one of

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* p. 293. † p. 314. ‡ p. 316. § pp. 293–4.

the most surprising of the civil war, and which was fought only three days before Marston-Moor, was somewhat different:—

"There was hot service at Cropredy bridge, which we made good against them, and we continued in skirmish with them all day. The enemy, setting aside our unlucky pieces, has nothing to brag of, having lost three colonels, including Sir W. Butler, a lieut.-colonel, a major, and diverse other officers. The Lieutenant-General [Middleton] took Lord Wilmot prisoner, having wounded him sorely, but he was afterwards rescued from the soldiers to whom the Lieutenant-General had committed him; and is said to be dangerously ill. A little before sunset there came a trumpet from the King, with a paper signed by the King-at-arms, expressing that if I would grant him a safe conduct, he was commanded to deliver a message of grace and favour to the army. I returned answer that I had no commission to entertain any messages from his Majesty without the permission of Parliament, and therefore the address must be made there. All this night and hitherto this day the enemy has lain still. What they will do next I know not. So soon as anything more is done, you shall hear from me."

After this indecisive engagement both parties separated, the King to follow Essex, since the defeat of Rupert in the north had rendered any attempt on London hopeless, and Waller "to wander Londonwards and gradually lose his "army as his wont was," says Carlyle,* though he might have added, through no fault of his own. So soon as the City brigade, which formed the nucleus of Waller's army, understood that London was no longer threatened, they "at once returned to their old song of home, home."† In fact, Waller, notwithstanding his expressions of confidence, could not hide from himself the hazards he ran in matching his ill-organized train bands and local levies against the better trained and horsed army of the King,

* Cromwell's Letters and Speeches.
† p. 301.

which, being designed for permanent service, was not so subject to these homesick revulsions of feeling. The chief want of the latter was regular pay, a want which made the Royalist troops a terror to the country.

It was not altogether Rupert's fault that his troopers, when within the enemy's quarters, came to be regarded as little better than marauders, for when a choice had to be made, between seeing his soldiers starve, or allowing them to help themselves, his German experiences had taught him to prefer the latter alternative, and this naturally led to a fiercer manner in conducting the war.* In criticising the conduct of Rupert, it is too frequently overlooked that he was only 23 years old when he joined his uncle, a fact which in a great measure accounts for the rashness and inconsiderate courage he showed during the civil war, whereas historians are in the habit of comparing his conduct with the staidness of veterans like Fairfax and Cromwell; this and his foreign training ought considerably to modify our estimate of his character. Financially, everything was against the King; he could extort no more ship-money, no more benevolences, no more fees for monopolies, from his recalcitrant subjects; it was the Parliament who very grimly levied the taxes in the King's name and spent them in compassing the destruction of the Throne.

Badly off as the Parliament's soldiers often were, both for pay and clothes,† the strait to which they were driven was not to be compared with that of the partisans of the King; indeed, had it not been for the unstinted devotion of the wealthy Cavaliers, it is doubtful whether Charles could have continued the war for six months.

The greater facilities enjoyed by the Parliament in

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* Ranke, Hist. Engl., ed. 1875, vol. ii., p. 367. † p. 534, *et passim.*

replenishing their exchequer were, however, not unaccompanied by counterbalancing disadvantages. The extent to which they were dependent on the City of London and on the local Committees of the counties, which, as they supplied the sinews of war, demanded a voice in their appropriation, went a long way to thwart the objects for which the money was levied. With each county and large town claiming for itself as a right the services of the troops raised by it, at least in the first instance when danger threatened, the hands of the commanders were so tied that they were incapacitated from following up any concerted plan of campaign, the citizen soldiers often altogether refusing to serve at a distance from their homes:—

"My Lords, I write these particularities to let you know that an army compounded of these men will never go through with their service, and till you have an army merely your own that you may command, it is in a manner impossible to do anything of importance."*

Such was the experience of Sir William Waller, one of the most patient and devoted of the Parliament's Generals.

From this and other passages in Waller's letters, it would appear that the first suggestion of a new model for the army came originally from him† and not from Cromwell as generally supposed, though undoubtedly to the latter belongs the credit of having devised a practicable method and of putting it into operation. Indeed, so imperatively was some such reform in the composition and training of the Parliament's armies demanded, that the idea is not confined even to these two Generals, for on 6th July Col. Massie, writing to the Committee of both Kingdoms, enlarges on the evil effects of employing citizens as soldiers, and suggests a local organization:—‡

* p. 301. † Ibid. ‡ See p. 322.

"That to all the chief places and remote garrisons popular commanders be appointed, and supplied with money and arms to recruit in those parts, by which means they shall not only raise a competent strength for themselves, but work the enemy out of theirs, thus stopping the sources of his supplies. My experience this last winter has sufficiently grounded me in this opinion."

After having more fully expounded his views,* he concludes:—

"I doubt not of your favourable construction of this my boldness since it proceeds from the opinion of a soldier, not a statesman, who aims at nothing more than the furtherance of the public good in all his services."

It was not, however, till the following year 1645, after the second battle of Newbury had put an end to the old-modelled armies, that a complete change was effected in the organization of the Parliament's armies, and this shortly led to the appointment of Sir Thomas Fairfax as Lord General in place of the Earl of Essex, and the admitted ascendency of Oliver Cromwell in all that concerned military organization.

The King, having by the fight at Cropredy bridge so far weakened Waller that he was able to escape from his troublesome attendance, returned towards Oxford, and made preparations for his march into the west to secure the safety of the Queen, who had not yet quitted Exeter, and, in conjunction with Prince Maurice, to check Essex's progress, which hitherto had been unimpeded, there being no royal army in the west equal to encounter his in the field.

Having obtained the approval of his design by the Council of War, which met at Evesham on the 7th, the King made such good progress with his preparations that he was already in pursuit of Essex by the 12th July. The King's secret had been so well kept that the Par-

* See p. 322.

liamentarians, though generally well informed, were apparently taken by surprise, for on the 13th July Waller informs the Committee of both Kingdoms that,* "upon "the probability of his Majesty's marching to Woodstock, "from whence he might take his way according to the "former design, into the Associated counties, I marched "to Towcester, from whence I intended to move to "Aylesbury, to prevent any mischief that might befall "those parts, and to-night I purpose to be at Buck-"ingham." But simultaneously with this resolve he received† "intelligences that his Majesty is marched "towards Bristol, facing suddenly about that way by "Sudeley, after he was advanced over Broadway Hill "towards Woodstock, whither it was given out he in-"tended to march. The order I received from your "Lordships commanded me to attend his march, and I "am ready with all humbleness to obey it, but there be "some things which stick with me upon the motion of "the King westward, which I have desired Sir Arthur "Haselrigg to communicate to you, wherein I humbly "crave further directions."

The Earl having a month's start of the King had already, by the 14th June,‡ "arrived at Blandford and "the 16th at Dorchester. The siege of Lyme [Regis] "was raised the 14th, on which day Prince Maurice "departed for Exeter about 5 p.m., and his army stole "away at 2 a.m. The Lord Admiral [Warwick] went "ashore about noon, when he found the enemy's works "before Lyme strong and made with great advantage, "but the town works so weak that it was a miracle they "could so hold out against a resolute enemy." This was in great part owing to the assistance rendered to the

* p. 347. † Ibid. ‡ p. 248.

besieged by the sailors of the Lord Admiral's fleet, who would appear to have been then, as now, "admirable at "such work."

Weymouth had also been relieved and Taunton taken, from which place the Earl wrote, on the 26th July,* informing the Committee of both kingdoms that the relief of Plymouth having "now been accomplished, and being "advised to march yet further westward into Cornwall "to clear that country and to settle the same in peace, "I have thought fit to send up Sir Philip Stapleton, and "with him Mr. Herbert, one of the Commissioners "appointed for my army, to give you an account both "of the condition of my army and of the state of these "western counties."

At this time Essex little apprehended the danger of his position, so leaving the shelter of Plymouth, into which he might have thrown himself if too hardly pressed, he crossed the Tamar, and pursuing his march to Bodmin, there began to comprehend the true state of affairs. He discovered, when it was too late, that the promises of aid in Cornwall were a delusion, that the Parliament had few friends in that county except Lord Robartes, whose estates lay there, and a few local gentry.†

As he increased his distance from his base his difficulties thickened, and when, on the 4th August, he arrived at "Lestithiell," as he calls it, the outlook was most gloomy; but he shall tell his own tale :— ‡

"We now hear that three armies are marching against us from the east [under the commands] of the King, of the Palsgrave Maurice, and of [Lord] Hopton, while no body [of troops], so far as we can learn, are attending on them [from the Parliament]; and the country rising unanimously against us, with the exception of a few gentlemen, we must expect another army upon our backs from

* p. 379. † p. 398. ‡ pp. 398 and 399.

the west. This prospect, with the great necessity of the soldiers who want bread, has forced us to choose this place to make good [our hold] till we can be provided with victuals from Plymouth or hereabouts to enable us to march. Then we shall sell our lives at as dear a rate as may be, [for I have] never seen soldiers more willing to undertake anything nor to undergo wants with more patience. Here is a flying report in the country that Sir W. Waller should be advancing into these parts, but as I understood from your Lordships' letter of the 19th ult. that you had appointed him to send only a party, and that to advance no further than Dorchester, this makes us trust at present in nothing but God's blessing, the courage of our officers and soldiers, and our faithfulness to the cause."

These evil forebodings proved only too true; the King, on the 2nd August, had arrived at Liskeard, and the supplies for which Essex had written to the Parliament never came,* so that his position became more hopeless from day to day.†

In these straits, the King fancied that there might be a chance of Essex's relenting, and sent to him offering an accommodation‡ in the terms of an honourable peace to be imposed by their joint action, and measures to be taken for expelling the Scots. To these propositions the Earl proved deaf, as he had done on previous occasions, replying that he could not enter upon any negotiations without the authority of Parliament. The rejection of all overtures under such circumstances proves the honesty of the Earl's intentions.

On the 7th of August, Goring arrived from the North to assist the King, and was entrusted with the command of the cavalry in place of Wilmot, who was put under arrest and sent to Exeter. All was now over with Essex and his army, they were blocked up in the narrow valley at the mouth of the Fowey, where neither provisions nor

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* p. 436. † pp. 433, 456. ‡ p. 433.

forage could be procured. Four royal armies,* viz., the King's, Prince Maurice's, Hopton's, and Sir Richard Grenville's, commanded the hilly country on the land side, while the sea shut the Parliamentarians in on the other side, whence they looked in vain for the Lord Admiral's fleet, the wind being contrary.† It is not necessary to follow the fortunes of this ill-starred expedition further; Essex, outnumbered and outgeneralled, and despairing of extricating his army, made his personal escape to Plymouth by sea. His last letter from Lostwithiel is of the 27th August, and describes the extremity they were then in :—‡

"But had I known that Waller, who was to attend the King's army, had wanted either power or will to have a care of it, no persuasions of those who are interested in these counties should have engaged me so far in a country so ill-affected to the Parliament. . . . . If we were in a country where we could force the enemy to fight it would be some comfort, but this country consists so much of passes that he who can subsist longest must have the better of it, which is a great grief to me, who have the command of so many gallant men. My Lords, I am sorry I have no discourse more pleasing."

To this last appeal for aid the Committee on the 3rd of September replied, informing him that a "proportion of "victuals is sending, besides 100 barrels of powder and "10 tuns of match." These never came to hand, for Essex's army was broken up on the 1st of September, just two months after Marston-Moor.

With his army Essex lost also his military reputation, while it left his honour unclouded in this fratricidal war

— "that can no triumph bring!" §

by any stain of treachery or personal greed. The same campaign which quenched the popular fervour for Essex

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* p. 433 † p. 436. ‡ p. 456.

§ "Visions of England," by F. T. Palgrave, p. 180.

as a commander, likewise emphasized the failings of his once Major-General Sir William Waller, whom it proved to be unequal to the responsibilities of a supreme command, so that the Earl was saved the mortification of seeing his rival supersede him.* In this sudden collapse of the most popular of their generals the public confidence was transferred to the Earl of Manchester and his energetic Lieutenant-General Oliver Cromwell, whose military reputation was meanwhile made by the victory of Marston-Moor.

While Essex and Waller were thus busily carrying on the campaign in the south and west against the Royalists, the Scots having effected a junction with the Yorkshire army of the Fairfaxes, both armies sat down before York, so that that city was now partially invested. But the Marquis of Newcastle, being aided by his large cavalry force stationed both within and without the city, was able to distress the besiegers by means of the bridge over the Ouse, of which he retained possession. Finding their strength insufficient for this arduous undertaking, Leven and Fairfax applied for assistance to the Earl of Manchester. He at first, disliking to engage in enterprises at a distance from his Associated Eastern Counties, turned a deaf ear to their solicitation, and continued his operations against the city of Lincoln, which he took on the 6th May. The Committee of both Kingdoms, however, being convinced of the great importance of the capture of York† and the defeat of the Marquis's army, directed Manchester to advance to the aid of the combined armies before York, thus cancelling their former orders sent to him to march southward and join the Earl of Essex at Aylesbury. So leaving Lincoln, the Earl of Manchester proceeded with his foot

* p. 234. † p. 225.

through the Isle of Axholm, and thence by Thorne and Selby, the scene of the Fairfaxes' late victory, to Bowdenbar, where he arrived on the 3rd June, thus completing the investment of York, which was now blocked up, except on the north side.* This addition to the besieging forces convinced the Royalists that assistance must come quickly if the northern capital were not to be lost to the King.

Impressed with the necessity for immediate action, Prince Rupert relinquished his conquering career in the Midlands, and prepared for its relief. He had taken and plundered Stockport, and three days after stormed Bolton, raising the siege of Lathom House on his way; and on the 5th June he entered Wigan in triumph, its gates being thrown open at his approach, and its streets and houses decorated with garlands in his honour. Indeed no such succession of triumphs had fallen to the lot of any Royalist general since the commencement of the war, and fear began to be felt both in the Eastern Association and at Westminster lest he should turn his conquering progress in either of these directions. It was clear that neither Waller nor Middleton would be a match for him, more especially if he should join his forces with those of the King, and in consequence the Committee of both Kingdoms were urgent that Manchester and Fairfax, leaving the Scottish army to confront the Marquis of Newcastle with his army of 6,000 men, and continue the siege of York if possible, should return southward in order to try conclusions with Rupert in Lancashire, before he should be strengthened by the accession of the retainers and tenants of the Earl of Derby, who possessed large estates in those parts. The danger which threatened York prevented Rupert from entertaining either of these designs, and the Parliamentary commanders were

* p. 217.

shrewd enough to predicate this, so they refused to relinquish their great undertaking. Both Manchester and Fairfax protested against interrupting the progress of the siege, as it was most probable, they said, that Rupert's exertions would be directed northward for the relief of Newcastle's army in York.* "But I am careful," adds Manchester, "to have good intelligence of the Prince's "movements, and though I am now quartered about York, "yet I shall obey your commands in case he march "southward."

So menacing did the Committee consider the aspect of affairs that they were not contented with writing their opinions, but sent Sir Henry Vane, junior (June 3), on a mission of personal inspection, that he might argue the matter over with the Generals of the combined armies before York.†

Although a civilian, Vane's advice and counsel were gladly received by the three Generals, but they stoutly resisted any change of plan as inimical to the best interests of the Parliament's cause, and in this Vane coincided when he had heard their arguments.‡

Under date June 5§ will be found a joint letter from the three Generals, Leven, Fairfax, and Manchester, to the Committee of both Kingdoms, explaining the military outlook, and their intention of raising the leaguer and giving the Prince battle before he could relieve York, and so, "if it please God to give us victory, all Lancashire and "Yorkshire will fall to us."‖ Even the report that the King was on his way northward failed to influence their firm resolve, Manchester rightly judging it¶ "very im-"possible for the King to join his forces with Prince "Rupert's, which are now in the furthest part of

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* pp. 203, 225. † p. 202. ‡ pp. 223, 225.
§ p. 206. ‖ p. 206. ¶ p. 203.

"Lancashire, considering his Excellency [the Lord "General Essex] is so near him with so considerable a "force." It has been suggested that Vane's mission had a political object, no less than the deposition of Charles,* and that the military question was but of secondary consideration, otherwise it would have been better to have sent an experienced soldier to confer with the allied Generals. It is sufficient to state that no such commission appears to have been entrusted to Vane, so far as the papers in this Collection show, though Vane's letters to the Committee are very lengthy and full of information.†

On the 8th June Manchester wrote to the Committee of both Kingdoms :—‡

"Yours of the 3rd inst. I communicated to the Earl of Leven, General of the Scotch army, and to Lord Fairfax, who will certify you of the state of affairs here. They judge this place [York] as of such consequence to the quiet of these parts that they consider themselves, both in duty to the public and regard to their own honours, engaged to bring it to some issue, before they attempt any other design. I trust the Lord will give us a speedy end of our endeavours here, and then we shall be ready for any service you may command. We are on all sides very near the town walls, and I hope within a few hours Sir James Lumsden and myself will have our mines ready, if not hindered by the tempestuous rainy weather. I assure you there will be no neglect in expediting this business."

The result of Vane's deliberations with the Generals is tersely summed up in Leven's letter to the Committee of the 11th June :—§

"The Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax, and myself, with the Committee here, have had a meeting with Sir Henry Vane concerning the desires expressed in your last letters, and finding that the businesses do still remain in the same posture that they were when your former letters came, we have thought fit that nothing be altered in our first resolutions, but to do our best for the hasty

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* See Mr. Gardiner's Great Civil War, vol. 1, p. 431.

† pp. 233–4, 241–2, 257, 265.

‡ p. 216. § p. 223.

gaining of this city [York], and thereafter to give you all possible satisfaction which shall be our earnest endeavours."

It was of no avail that the Marquis of Newcastle on the 13th June proposed to surrender York if only he might be allowed to march out with his army and baggage, and promise given that the "altar services in the cathedral" should not be interrupted. The news of Rupert's approach was known to the Generals as well as to Newcastle, they having intercepted a letter intended for the Prince, which stated that the city could not hold out longer than a week, and if it were to be saved he must hasten his march. Vane, writing on the 16th, says:—*

"If we have a speedy success against York I doubt not but the north will be suddenly settled, otherwise the hastening of the Earl of Callender [with his Highlanders] I conceive would do no harm. We are informed that Prince Rupert intends to go southward to join with the King, though by the confidence of York, we should rather imagine he intends [to come] this way."

And two days after Manchester writes:—

"I believe that the besieged cannot but be in straits, though they are not willing to express it, being in daily expectation of Prince Rupert's relieving them; these last two nights they have made fires upon the top of the Minster, and have been answered with the like signals from Pontefract."

To deal with Prince Rupert's and Newcastle's armies separately was the plan proposed by the Committee of both Kingdoms, but the Generals preferred to maintain the siege until the enemy should be within striking distance.

On the 17th June the mines which were under the especial charge of Manchester's army were unexpectedly fired, before intelligence had been communicated of the time either to the Scots or Fairfax, so that they might have then assisted by counter-feints to call off the attention of the besieged.†

The effect of this oversight was to prevent the city

* p. 246. † p. 241.

being captured before the arrival of the Prince's army. For though Manchester's assaulting party gallantly rushed at the breach, which proved practicable, yet being unsupported they were driven back, "but with no great loss, "as I hear," says Sir Henry Vane. Manchester's own account of the affair is as follows :—*

"Yesterday within my quarters I sprang a mine, which did great execution upon the enemy, blowing up a tower which joined to the Manor-yard, and this mine taking so great effect my Major-General commanded 600 men to storm the Manor-house, who beat the enemy and took 100 prisoners, but, being over confident, 2,000 of the enemy's best men fell upon them and beat them back. I lost near 300 men, but still maintain the breaches, and the enemy dare not make any sally out; we are now so near them that we are very ill neighbours one to another. You will do a thing very advantageous to the Scotch army if you send them down a good provision of gunpowder. I hope you will have a good account of this place."

In this narrative it will be observed Manchester brings no charge of carelessness against his Major-General Laurence Crawford, in whose keeping the mines were, and who directed the firing,† but rather conveys the impression that the explosion was more effective than had been anticipated. On the other hand, Baillie and Fairfax tell us the operation failed through the self-sufficiency of Crawford, who wished to claim for his own army the whole credit of the capture.‡ This is a point of some interest, as the failure of the assault occasioned the delay in the capture of York, and necessitated the siege being now converted into a blockade.§

The chief anxiety of the allied Generals would seem to have been lest Rupert, when he learned the strength of the combined armies, would not risk a battle. This point, however, had been settled by the King's letter to

* p. 246. † Rushworth, v. 631. ‡ Baillie, ii., 195, 200.
§ Cromwell's Letters and Speeches by Carlyle, note to Letter XXI.

the Prince, dated the 14th June, in which Charles's indiscretion led him to express too strongly his wish regardless of circumstances. "If York be lost, I shall "esteem my crown little less, unless supported by your "sudden march to me, and a miraculous conquest in the "south, before the effect of the northern power can be "found here." Thus fortified in his resolution to fight, the Prince crossed the bounding chain of hills which separates Lancashire from Yorkshire. This clearly showed his destination to be York. Preparations were consequently made by the allied Generals for putting their armies in motion on the approach of Rupert with his army of 20,000 men, leaving a sufficient force to guard the trenches. This plan was at that time thought feasible, as additional forces were expected to arrive from the midland counties and Cheshire, under the Earl of Denbigh and Sir John Meldrum, which would have given the Parliamentarians so large an accession of strength that they might safely have divided their forces. The rapid advance of Rupert, however, disconcerted this arrangement, for the Earl and Sir John sent word that they could not be at Wakefield until Wednesday night, and then they would have 20 miles' march. while the Royalist army was only 16 miles distant. On Monday, the 1st of July, the Prince, having marshalled his forces, started from Knaresborough on his march direct for the beleaguered city. On receipt of this intelligence the allied Generals met in conclave, when, "conceiving themselves unable to maintain the siege and fight with the "Prince also, they determined that it would be safest to "fight with their whole strength united." They consequently drew off their forces from before York and marched westward, concentrating them on Long-Marston, and there forming in battalia, awaited the coming of Rupert. Although usually spoken of as Marston-Moor,

these moors extend from the river Ouse southward for upwards of six miles, and are known as the Ouse, Hessey, and Long-Marston moors. On this eventful morning every one reckoned on the long anticipated battle taking place. Prince Rupert, however, had not so determined, and, displaying an amount of generalship not often witnessed during the civil war, instead of continuing his march along the Knaresborough road, he turned off suddenly to the left, where Thornton Bridge affords a passage across the River Swale, and then, turning to the right again, surprised the guard left to protect the bridge of boats over the Ouse, and so placed his army out of danger from attack by the Parliamentarians.

In this position, writes* Manchester, it was impossible to attack the Prince, as "the bridge we had built on the "west side of the town was so weak that we durst not "adventure to transport our armies over it." Notwithstanding the particulars usually given of Rupert's reception in York, it is very evident from Slingsby's narrative† that he never entered the city at all; but quartering his army in Galtres forest, about five miles distant, put himself in communication with the Marquis, and some of the latter's officers visited him in his camp.

Having thus successfully relieved York and outmanœuvred the Parliamentary Generals, it would have been well for the Royalist cause‡ had the Prince listened to the advice of the Marquis of Newcastle, and left the allies to their own devices. But, believing that he was commanded by the King's letter to fight, Rupert put it to Newcastle's honour to aid him. "I will not shun to "fight," replied the Marquis, "if it be the King's ex- "pressed will, for I have no other ambition but to live

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* p. 311. † Diary, p. 112.

‡ Ranke, Hist. Engl., ed. 1875, vol. ii., p. 402.

"and die a loyal subject of his Majesty." Meanwhile the Parliamentarians, believing that this opportunity of trying conclusions with Rupert in the open was lost, commenced to withdraw from the moors, along the lane leading towards Tadcaster, in order to cover the Eastern Counties, which formed Manchester's Association, and being intact might be considered the backbone of the Parliament's strength.

This is not the place to relate the particulars of the movements of both armies, nor how the great battle of Marston Moor was lost and won, more especially as it has been exhaustively discussed by Mr. Sandford in his "Studies "and Illustrations of the Great Rebellion," a suggestive book, which probably contains the best modern account of this important victory for the Parliament. For our present purpose it will be sufficient to notice that it was fought Tuesday, the 2nd of July, between 7 and 10 o'clock on the morrow evening of the relief of York by Prince Rupert. The result of the victory was the speedy surrender of York and the outlying Royalist garrisons to the forces of the Parliament, followed by the siege of Newcastle by the Scottish army, which eventually stormed it in October. Although not decisive in its immediate consequences, this battle proved the turning point of the civil war, the Royalists never again having the preponderance.

Amongst the historical doubts regarding this battle, are the conflicting statements of contemporary writers as to how it began. The writer of the so-called "Rupert's Diary" will have it, that the battle was begun by Lord Byron, but most other authorities attribute the initiative to the cavalry of the Eastern Association under Cromwell.

A slight error is committed by some historians in the statement that Newcastle's own regiment of Whitecoats, who carried themselves so bravely on this occasion, was composed of his own tenants and retainers, whereas

these men were levied by him in the Border counties, where they had inherited traditions of valour from their ancestors.

We are not favoured with any minor particulars of the battle in the terse letter of the commanders announcing their victory to the Committee of both Kingdoms, which will be found at page 311, and is unrivalled in its Puritan simplicity. This sparseness of detail is the more to be regretted, as the original accounts of this battle which have come down to us are so confused and uncertain that Rapin despairs of arriving at the truth, confessing that he could neither satisfy himself nor his readers with them. Carlyle seems to have found them equally unsatisfactory, for he writes,* "I must leave the reader to gather details in the sources "indicated below. Modern accounts are numerous, but "of no value."

Many new sources of information have been unearthed since Rapin's time, but still doubts exist on many points. For instance, it is uncertain how much reliance is to be placed on the assertion that the final triumph was due to Cromwell. Baillie writes,† "The Independents sent up "one quicklie to assure that all the glory of that night, "for the battle was fought between 7 and 10 o'clock, was "theirs; that they and their Lieutenant-General Cromwell "had done it all there alone; but Captain Stuart afterward "shewed the vanitie and falsehood of their disgraceful "relation." That Cromwell displayed his accustomed bravery and skill may be taken as granted, notwithstanding the assertion of certain Scotch authorities to the contrary. Thus Col. Wm. Crawford of Skeldon, not Major-General Crawford, with whom he is sometimes confounded, gave Baillie‡ to understand that Cromwell took no part in the battle, for having at "the beginning of the fight got a

* Cromwell's Letters and Speeches, Letter XXI.

† Baillie's Letters and Journals, ii., 203. ‡ Ibid., p. 218.

" little wound on the craig he was not so much as present, " but his troopers were led on by David Leslie," and Hepburn, laird of Hombie, gives him no credit for valour, " his men being so scared by Rupert's charge, that if " David Leslie had not supported them they had fled." As the Scots and Cromwell never got on happily together, these statements may be discarded as exaggerations, but it is remarkable that no mention is made of his services, if they were so distinguished as usually stated, in the despatches of the Generals. There is fortunately a private letter of his own, written only three days after the battle, to his brother-in-law, Colonel Valentine Walton, printed in Ellis's Original Letters, First Series iii. 299, also by Carlyle, which leaves no doubt of the active part taken by him in this engagement.

Nothing, however, can be more delusive than many of the descriptions of general battles by those who were present. In this instance Fairfax himself seems to have had a singularly confused recollection of his own part in the battle. In his "Memorials" he expressly states that he commanded the right wing; in Fuller's "Worthies" (p. 215 n.), he as distinctly asserts that he had command of the left. Many interesting particulars may be gathered out of "A full relation," generally referred to as Captain Stuart's, but which Mr. Gardiner ascribes to Lord Eglinton, the narrative known as Rupert's Diary, Fairfax's "Short Memorial," D'Ewes's Diary, the Kimbolton MSS., Slingsby's Diary, Rushworth, v., 632, Carte's "Ormond Papers," ed. 1739, vol. i., p. 56, and Somers's Tracts, v., 389, besides a long list of Pamphlets,* Gazettes, and Intelligencers which chronicle the

* Notice is more especially directed to the King's Pamphlets in the British Museum, No. 164, containing various accounts by eye-witnesses; No. 168, the narrative given by Simeon Ash, the Earl of Manchester's chaplain, and No. 167, containing some additional particulars.

various reports as they came to hand. None of these, however, can compete as authorities with the original letters of the Generals calendared in this volume. Although no mention is made of the very active part attributed to Cromwell at Marston-Moor in these papers, this should only be taken as negative evidence, and may have been partially owing to his incipient quarrel with Manchester.* Of this quarrel and what came of it we shall have a word to say presently. Cromwell was not the only person who was dissatisfied with the way in which the war was being conducted. "It was too apparent," writes Mrs. Hutchinson,† "how much the whole Par-
"liament cause had been often hazarded, how many op-
"portunities of finishing the war had been overslipped by
"the Earl of Essex's army; and it was believed that he
"himself, with his commanders, rather endeavoured to
"become arbiters of war and peace, than conquerors for
"the Parliament; for it was known that he had given
"out such expressions." This was virtually the charge brought by Cromwell against Manchester, whom he did not accuse of want of courage but want of will to follow up his victories. To ardent thinkers like Cromwell, who only regarded the civil war from one point of view, it appeared inexplicable how men who were ready to sacrifice life and fortune in the struggle should hesitate to avail themselves of every advantage to bring the war to a close. They little understood the danger of too much success; but to men like Essex and Manchester it appeared equally undesirable that either the King or Parliament should be completely victorious—

"Surveying all the ills to flow,
From that too-victor victory."‡

* Statement of an Opponent of Cromwell. Camden Soc., N.S., No. xii., pp. 71–77.

† Memoirs of Col. Hutchinson, ed. 1863, pp. 228–230.

‡ Visions of England, by F. T. Palgrave, p. 180.

It was felt by them that the sword could never settle the dispute, and consequently Essex, Manchester, and most of the Parliament's Generals in the early stages of the contest shrunk from pressing home their military advantages, much less had they any intention of taking his Majesty captive.

It was this reluctance to drive the King to extremities which ruined Essex and was at the bottom of the impeachment of Manchester's military conduct by Cromwell before the House of Commons. This quarrel has been exhaustively treated in the Historical Preface of the late Mr. John Bruce, who spent much time in bringing together a collection of documents, which were posthumously edited by Mr. David Masson for the Council of the Camden Society in 1875. The greater part of the papers printed in this Camden volume (N. S. xii.) are extracted from the entry-books of the Committee of both Kingdoms, and are calendared in this volume under their respective dates. This Camden volume, however, contains in addition three documents, of great value as supplying hitherto unattainable knowledge of the course of this extraordinary quarrel between two such eminent men, the pillars of the Parliament's cause; the first of these documents is the "Narrative of the Earl of Manchester's campaign,"* which was communicated by his Grace the Duke of Manchester to the late Mr. Thomas Carlyle, who, in his "Cromwell's Letters and Speeches," has made considerable use of it. From internal evidence, this would appear to be the composition, in all or in part, of Laurence Crawford, the Earl of Manchester's Major-General, who served concurrently with Cromwell in the army of the Eastern Association. The second document is a statement by "An Opponent of Cromwell."† And the third, for which we are indebted to the research of Mr. John

* Printed in Camden Soc., N.S. xii., pp. 59–70.

† Ibid., pp. 71–77.

Bruce, is headed "Cromwell's Narrative,"* embodying the substance of his charge in the House of Commons, with some additions, probably suggested by Waller, Haselrigg, or Vane.† Manchester's counter-narrative embodying what he had already delivered to the Lords orally, has fortunately been preserved and is partly printed in Rushworth, v. 733–736, and the rest by Mr. Gardiner in the Camden Miscellany, vol. viii. These documents, although not comprised amongst the State Papers, bear so intimately on the significance of many of the papers calendared in this volume that it was a matter of duty to call attention to them. It appears very clearly that the charges preferred by Cromwell concerned only the military reputation of the Earl; in all other points he is most highly spoken of by his cotemporaries, both friends and foes; and by modern historians witness is universally borne to his high-minded and generous disposition; his expenditure both of time and wealth in the national cause was unbounded, and his private generosity even lavish. No one needs to be reminded that he was the same Lord Kimbolton who, in his father's lifetime, acquired such notoriety by his devotion to the Puritan cause that he was associated with the five Members of the Commons in King Charles's charge of high treason. What his attributed faults on that occasion may have been it is not needful here to inquire, but they certainly were not the same as those attributed to him by Cromwell, who, instead of finding him too bitterly opposed to sovereignty, blamed him for his dilatoriness in following up the Parliament's military advantages, not being willing "to see the King brought "too low;" and lest he should be compelled by "the "opinion of his Councils of War," to press too hardly on the King, he called but one after the taking of York. On

* Printed in Camden Soc., N. S. xii., pp. 78–95. † Ibid., p. 95, note.

these grounds Cromwell charged him with "not acting "duly by the advice of his Councils of War." Cromwell readily admits that until the spring of 1644 no serious causes of difference existed between them. Nor was there likely to have been; for though we do not know the exact date of Cromwell's appointment by Manchester to be his Lieutenant-General, it probably tallied with that of Laurence Crawford to be Sergeant-Major-General, which is calendared at page 11, under date February 1. But whatever may have been the causes underlying this antagonism of two such distinguished generals in the Parliament's service, it did high credit to them both, that they did not suffer these bickerings to interfere with their devotion to the best interests of the nation, as they respectively regarded them; the aim of both evidently being the restoration of liberty, founded on constitutional rights.

In his letter of September the 8th Manchester writes,—*

"Concerning those differences your Lordships take notice to be amongst some of the army, I hope you will find that I shall take such care as, by the blessing of God, nothing of the public service shall be retarded."

This dispute, as Mr. Bruce points out,† brought to the surface, and into direct antagonism, principles of the very deepest significance in reference to the management of the war, "and the triumph of the movement party on "that occasion led directly to the ruin of the Royal "cause.‡ The immediate consequence was the remodelling of the Parliament's armies, and the appointment of commanders equal to the occasion, as thorough in determination as those in the King's service.

In addition to the letters already referred to as printed in the Camden Society's volume, there are among the

* p. 481.

† Camden Soc., N. S. xii., Hist. Pref., p. v.

‡ Ibid.

Domestic State Papers a series of depositions taken between 25th November 1644 and 6th January 1645, which were submitted to the Committee formerly appointed for the Lord General Essex's army, "where Mr. [Zouch] Tate [M.P. for Northampton] has the chair." They include depositions and examinations of Cromwell, Ireton, Waller, Lilburn, Haselrigg, and other commanding officers, all bearing on this quarrel. These, Mr. Gardiner says, are invaluable for a true appreciation of the events before and after the second battle of Newbury, and they have been hitherto unused, as they were added to the collection of State Papers after the publication of the Camden Society's volume, edited by Professor Masson. These will not appear till the next Calendar, as this volume ends with September, and they are placed under their earliest date, 25th November 1645.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to acknowledge the assistance rendered by my young colleague, Mr. E. Salisbury, B.A., in the preparation of copy. My grateful acknowledgments are likewise due to the historian of the "Great Civil War," Mr. S. Rawson Gardiner, and to Sir John Maclean, F.S.A., for assistance in connection with the deciphering and dating of papers in this collection.

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DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES I.

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Jan. 3. Edinburgh. 1. Articles of the Treaty agreed upon betwixt the Commissioners of both Houses of Parliament of England and the Commissioners of the Convention of the Estates of Scotland, authorised by the Committee of the said Estates, concerning the enforcement of the solemn League and Covenant, and the assistance demanded in pursuance of the ends expressed in the same. Signed at Edinburgh, 29 Nov. 1643. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 364. *Certified copy.* 8 *pp.*] *Underwritten,*

Mem. That these words, "without the mutual advise and consent of both kingdoms" in the first line of the 8th Article, and this word "between" in the second line of the last Article, and these words, "to be employed" in the third line of the said last Article, were interlined before the signing [*and are adopted in the Lords' Journals*].

Jan. 4. 2. Jane Bingley to her daughter Susan Bingley. I send you a letter, which it seems has miscarried. Your father is with his old master, Lord Wentworth, at Oxford, where he has been since your going for France. The writer is glad she likes her service. [*Two seals with arms.* 1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

2. 1. "*Melidora to Philitia.*" *I am in such expectation of seeing Cavalier* [*Lord Wentworth ?*] *to-morrow night that I can hardly allow time to tell it you. There is a* [*Parliament*] *to begin at* [*Oxford*] *the 22nd of this month. There was a proclamation of pardon to all that would go in by that time, though it were "Corvina" himself. "Fidelia" was unwilling to let you know of the retaking of Arundel Castle in Sussex by the Parliament's forces, and many soldiers and commanders were taken. Next week I will give you a more certain relation of all that concerns them at Oxford. Meanwhile, your children are well, and being civil to the Monsieurs. Jany.* 8. [*Two seals, with arms the same as above. Partly in cipher.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 5. 3. Warrant of the Lord General the Earl of Essex to Colonel Sir Wm. Middleton, Bart., and whom he shall appoint. You are to make search in and about London and Westminster or within a circuit of 20 miles for all such horses, mares, geldings, and nags as ought to belong to the horse troops, dragooners, and train of artillery, also for all manner of arms, pikes, muskets, carbines, pistols, swords, saddles, and other ammunition any way belonging

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1643–44. to the State which ought to be employed in the forces raised for the service of the King and Parliament, but which have been stolen, sold, or pawned, and you are to bring the same to me or whom I shall appoint, at the same time committing to safe custody all persons so offending until my pleasure be further known therein. [*Not signed nor sealed. Damaged by damp.* 2 *pp.*]

Jan. 8. 4. Pass by the King for some one whose name is not filled in [probably a Commissioner] to go to and fro between Oxford and London till Feb. 10th next. [*Signed by the King and countersigned by Digby.*]

Jan. 9. 5. Depositions taken before the Lords' Committees appointed to take examinations in the cause of Archbishop Laud, viz., of Samuel Bland, Henry Burton, James Wadsworth, John Cooke, Sir Nathaniel Brent, Thomas Mayo, Elizabeth Gray, Francis Newton, and Thomas Thrasher. Concerning the Archbishop's illegal proceedings in the High Commission Court, and his dealings with and favouring of Papists, priests, and Jesuits. [20 *pp.*]

Jan. 10. 6. The like depositions of John Holland, George Combe, Francis Nichols, Anne Griffin, George Walker, Rowland Tompson, Humfrey Mackworth, and Henry Bell. Concerning the Archbishop's illegal action in the matter of the dismissal of Dr. [Alexander] Gill, master of St. Paul's School, by the Mercer's Company; in the matter of the High Commission Court; in the matter of printing; in imprisoning Puritanical preachers; in tampering with the charter of the town of Shrewsbury; and in illegally imprisoning without expressing any cause. [10 *pp.*]

Jan. 10. 7. Another copy of the above deposition of Humfrey Mackworth. Concerning Archbishop Laud's interference with the charter of Shrewsbury, upon a dispute arising between that town and Dr. Beale, Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, about nominating a master to the Free School at Shrewsbury. [2 *pp.*]

Jan. 10. 8. An account of provisions delivered to Mr. Henry Procter, provider within the Wapentake of Claro, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, from June 5, 1643, to January 10, 1643–44. [1 *sheet.*]

Jan. 11. 9. John Ashburnham to John Marquis of Winchester. Recommending to his favour the sad condition of an unhappy lady, Mistress Zouch, whose husband served the King as a Colonel, and upon his death left her all her subsistence by a jointure at Odiham, now under contribution to his Lordship's garrison at Basing; where the tax falls so heavy upon her she is forced to represent it to his Lordship for relief. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

9. 1. *Deposition on oath of Robert Green, gent., concerning the services and death of Colonel James Zouch. He came with his two brothers and betwixt* 12 *and* 16 *horses armed to the King's assistance at Braynford* [*Brentford*] *the beginning of last winter, and thence attended his Majesty to Reading and Oxford; and then having raised*

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a troop of dragoons at his own charge they were commanded to Chichester, where they, together with a load of arms and all Mr. Zouch's wearing apparel, were lost. He afterwards raised a troop of horse and maintained them at his own charge until Prince Maurice went to the west, where he being made Captain of them was in all the actions till after the happy victory over Sir William Waller at Devizes, and thence to the siege of Gloucester, thence with his Majesty's army to the battle at Newbury. Going thence he fell sick of a great cold at Reading, whereof he died within 10 *days. This deponent believeth the many journeys and ill lodging he had in his Majesty's service were the cause of his death. And this deponent knoweth it hath cost Mr. James Zouch in his Majesty's service above* 4,000*l. and he believes near* 5,000*l., and his pistols and all his horses save one were left to Sir Charles Blunt, a Captain in his Majesty's Army at Reading, and that with my mistress's consent, for his Majesty's service.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 11. 10. M. R[ichard] to her husband Mr. Richard at Paris. Explains why her last letter did not reach him. The Prince of Harcot [Count de Harcourt] is coming very suddenly into France without making a peace, for the Parliament will not treat with the King unless he acknowledge them a Parliament, which it seems the King will not, so there is an end of that business. The Ambassador has done as much as was expected from him. Beseeches him to take care what he and his children eat now at Shrove tide, for they say there is much feasting in France. P.S.—The King has warned all Parliament men to appear this month at Oxford, and has promised them all their pardon if they come. [*Addressed:* "A Monsieur Richard mon frere demeurant à la rue Grenouille vis à vis la Corne de Daim, à Paris, pour donne à Mons. Richard mon mari." [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 12. 11. Examination of Sir Robert Berkeley, one of the Judges of the King's Bench, before the Lords' Committees appointed to take examinations in the cause of Archbishop Laud. About 10 years since Sir Thos. Richardson, being then Chief Justice, sent to him and the rest of the Judges to take counsel touching certain complaints made to the King touching prohibitions to Ecclesiastical Courts. They were then sent for to appear before the King in Council to hear the King's decision touching ecclesiastical jurisdiction, who then declared his royal pleasure that all Courts should enjoy their proper jurisdiction, but he doth not know who framed the said complaints. Remembers Laud taking part in the discussion, but not what he then said. That the Chief Justices have been questioned both at their being at the Star Chamber and at Court touching rules for prohibitions, &c. That the alteration of the English accompt of the Anno Domini to the Gregorian accompt was propounded for the consideration of the Judges, who decided that no such alteration

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could be made without an Act of Parliament, but Archbishop Laud never spoke to him touching the said matter. [2½ *pp.*]

Jan. 12. 12. Depositions of William Dell, Secretary to Laud, Wm. Flower, John Egerton, Lazarus Seaman, Thomas Wilson, and John Langley, taken as above. Concerning Laud's illegal proceedings in the High Commission Court, oppression of ministers, favouring Papists, &c. [7 *pp.*]

Jan. 13. 13. The like of Richard Barnard, John Pocock, John White, John Cockshute, Samuel Sherman, and Sir John Bramston, Justice of the King's Bench, and Sarah Wayman. Concerning the detention of a pardon by Archbishop Laud till a sum of money was given by the parties towards the repair of St. Paul's; his tampering with the charter of Shrewsbury; conventing people for not removing pews in churches from above the communion table; his intercession to the Judges of King's Bench and other Courts on behalf of clergymen indicted, &c. [8 *pp.*]

Jan. 13. Court at Oxford. Warrant of the King under the Privy Seal to the Treasurer and Under-treasurer of the Exchequer. To pay 2,000*l.* by way of imprest and upon account to Thos. Bushell who has by our command been employed for the clothing of our soldiers, wherein he has done us acceptable service and disbursed great sums of money. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 18. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Jan. 15. 14. Depositions of John Stephens and Thomas Pury, taken before the Lords' Committees, concerning abuses committed by Archbishop Laud in the High Commission Court; and of Sir Thomas Trevor, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, concerning Laud's interference in the Court of Exchequer. [3½ *pp.*]

Jan. 16. 15. Answer of Archbishop Laud to the first and further articles of impeachment brought up by the Commons against him, and directed by the Lords on the 16th present to be put in. [*Printed in the Lords' Journals vi.*, 388. *And State Trials, by Howell, vol. iv., pp.* 345–6. *Copy.* 2¼ *pp.*]

Jan. 17. 16. Declaration of the Committees and Commissioners of both kingdoms. Whereas the two Houses of Parliament of England, considering the great danger to religion and liberty from the great forces of Papists and others employed for the destruction thereof, have by their Commissioners desired the kingdom of Scotland to join in their just endeavours to preserve and reform religion, procuring the honour and happiness of the King, now engaged in counsels prejudicial to himself and his kingdoms, and to settle the peace and liberty of his dominions; and whereas the kingdom of Scotland has readily yielded thereunto and raised an army for the ends above expressed, to be ordered by us the Committees and Commissioners of both kingdoms; we, desirous to take the most orderly way for the provision of the said army, have thought fit to acquaint you with what is expected from you, the inhabitants of those parts through which this army shall pass, that so you may

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not be oppressed with arbitrary taxes and unreasonable spoils which you have suffered from those that have lived amongst you and upon you. This is a cause and time wherein the endeavours of everyone who loves his religion, King, or country ought to be expressed to the utmost, and what is required at your hands is to furnish those soldiers that shall be quartered with you with necessary provisions, not exceeding the allowance and rates mentioned in a schedule annexed. And for the better keeping an account of what is delivered by you to the officers and soldiers according to the said schedule, we desire that two sufficient men in every town or parish, one for the horse the other for the foot, may exactly take note of the billets of every particular horseman and footman, and of whatsoever shall be delivered to any of them, that satisfaction may be made to every inhabitant accordingly, which shall be speedily done out of the estates of Papists and other delinquents against the Parliament, or otherwise. Nor have you any reason to distrust us in this if you call to mind the equal proceedings you have heretofore found from the Scottish army at their former entrance; and in so doing you shall, besides the service you do the public, free yourselves from any irregular carriage of the soldiers, and be better able to require satisfaction for any injury done you. *Underwritten,*

16. I. *A schedule of allowances to be made to officers and soldiers, horse and foot, in the Scottish army on their march, or as they shall be quartered in England.* [*Copy.* 2¾ *pp.*]

Jan. 18. Warwick House. 17. Warrant of Robert, Earl of Warwick. For the raising of volunteer marines by beat of drum in London and its suburbs, and in such other ports and places as shall be thought meet; to man some ships set forth by certain merchants of London in accordance with an Ordinance of Parliament. [*Damaged by damp.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 20. 18. Depositions taken before the Lords' Committees appointed to take examinations in the cause of Archbishop Laud, viz., of Samuel Burrowes, Ralph Grafton, Robert Smyth, Thomas Revett, and George Merifield, concerning the illegal proceedings of Laud in the High Commission Court and ecclesiastical causes, and his interfering with the ordinary process in the King's Bench, Exchequer, and other Courts of law. [9½ *pp.*]

Jan. 21. London. 19. Du Moulin to Mons. des Boys, Maître d'Hotel de Monsieur de St. Vaudreuil at Paris. It would give him great pleasure to return hence. There is little honour or security in serving here, but he would be much obliged were it possible for him to be paid his extraordinary expenses of which he has sent a note, so that he might disengage himself here where he owes much, not having been able to make the advances he has made without borrowing. Would like to know whether he is to return before or after the Prince d'Harcourt. [*Black seal with arms and crest. French.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 21. London. 20. The same to Monsieur de Monteforte, Maître des Comptes, at Paris. The courier of Mons. le Prince d'Harcourt being charged

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with all our letters, we went to ask a passport for him from the Parliament, which wished to inspect his letters. They opened all his packets, even those of Mons. le Prince, and that of the King, but that of his Majesty for M. de Gressy [Cressy] escaped them. They found in a packet addressed to Mons. de Gressy letters of Lord Goring's which have made a great noise, and wronged Mons. de Gressy, of which these gentlemen complain loudly. They have opened all the letters. I believe to-morrow they will resolve which ought to pass. [*Black seal as above. French.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 22. / Feb. 1. The Hague. Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, to Sir Thos. Rowe. I hope before this you have understood by Sir Wm. Boswell's letters the reason why I have not yet answered your letters, and I fear it may put you into some fear of [for] me, but I am now very well recovered. I never knew before what a pleurisy was, I had it in extremity for 12 or 14 hours, but as soon as I was let blood I was eased, I was let blood three times in one day, and the third day again, which made me a little weak but took my pain quite away; I am now very well and better than I was before I had it, I tell you all this because I believe you will be glad to hear it; when I have answer to those letters I wrote concerning you, you shall hear; I will again by the first occasion write of it. When the Ambassadors went from hence I was then very ill, else I had written to you by them. Our Plenipotentiaries here say they will be gone speedily, but I believe they do not mean to ride post. I pray let me know what you think of the Swedes entering into Holstein, I do not hear yet what forces my uncle [the King of Denmark] has levied to resist them. These Ambassadors do seem to be very much troubled at this invasion of the Swedes. I see your friend Monsr. d'Avaux only seldom, but his fellow servant comes often to me. I write all to you hand over head, for I am so deadly cold as I can scarcely hold my pen, but in spite of it it shall still assure you of my constant devotion. [*Two seals with arms and crown. In Holland correspondence.*]

Jan. 27. At the Court at Oxford. 21. Secs. Digby and Nicholas, Masters and Comptrollers General of his Majesty's posts, to James Hicks, now residing in Weymouth. Knowing your experience in the Letter Office, we hereby appoint you to reside in Weymouth for the receiving and despatching all packets and letters coming to your hands, either from Court or any part within this kingdom—not possessed by the rebels—or from beyond seas, and to receive money for their port, such only excepted as are for his Majesty's service, or to tax them according to the rules of the Letter Office; as also to hire one or more passage boats as Sir Nicholas Crispe, our deputy, shall direct you, taking special care that all letters passing through the said port, and all passengers and goods passing in the said passage boats be duly taken notice of by you, and all duties paid before you dismiss them, the master of the packet boat to be answerable to you for the passage money of all goods and passengers he shall take on board; and generally in this employment to demean yourself as may be most for his

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Majesty's service, and the just benefit of the Letter Office under us, and to observe all directions you shall receive from us and from the said Sir Nicholas Crispe, and to render a constant true weekly account of all your receipts and disbursements to Mr. Tho. Nevile, at Oxford. And we desire the Governor, Mayor, constables, &c., of Weymouth to aid you herein. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 27. 22. Petition of Lady Gee to the Committee [for Government] at Kingston-upon-Hull. There is a fee-farm rent due to his Majesty out of the manor of Bishop Burton, in Yorkshire, which petitioner formerly paid to the auditors, and now it is paid to Mr. Walter Fowkes, who affirms he hath power from the Parliament to receive it; which petitioner is willing to satisfy out of the rents accruing to her from the lands of the said manor. Now petitioner formerly leased out to Mr. Fowkes divers closes belonging to the manor for 40*l.* per annum, which is far short of their yearly value; yet Fowkes refuses to pay the said rent or allow it for the fee-farm rent which he demands and is issuing out of the grounds in his own occupation, and taking advantage of the times, knowing petitioner to be without remedy for the present by law; he hath this day, the day after it was demanded, distrained and driven away 20 beasts of her tenants for the said fee-farm, which petitioner would willingly allow out of the rent in his own hands, which he will not consent to. Prays you to call Fowkes before you and take further order for her relief. *Underwritten,*

22. I. *Petition of the ministers and others of the East Riding of Yorkshire to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, Lord General of the forces raised in the north for the service of King and Parliament, and Governor of Hull. They are respectively bound to pay his Majesty's receiver certain sums of money yearly; and Mr. Walter Fowkes, by order of Parliament, demandeth the said sums to be paid him by virtue of that order, and, though we vehemently suspect him to be insolvent, useth all rigour by violent taking away our goods, conveying them to places where we cannot find them; and although the money by him demanded was tendered before the driving away of the goods, yet he would not accept it, but taketh unreasonable fees by colour thereof. Petitioners pray they may not be so grievously oppressed in these necessitous times, and that further order may be taken that the money paid or to be paid might by him be deposited to prevent their paying it again. I refer the consideration of this petition to the Committee, who after examination of the grievances mentioned are to determine the same as cause requires. Fairfax, Jan.* 27, 1643 [-4.]

22. II. *Deposition of Richard Cooper, of Routh, in Holderness. That the* 25*th inst. his goods were distrained by Fowkes, and he was appointed to come to Hull where he should have his goods; but bringing money this* 27*th Jan. he could neither find Fowkes nor his goods.*

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22. III. *The like of James Snayth, of Leven, in Holderness. On the 25th inst., being sent by Mr. Eyre, of Leven, for goods Fowkes had distrained from Mr. Eyre, he came on 26th Jan. to the house appointed by Fowkes' men, but could neither hear of Fowkes nor of Mr. Eyre's goods.*

22. IV. *The like of Christopher Satterthwait, of Long Riston, Holderness. The 25th inst. he offered Fowkes' messengers money for the rents in the petition mentioned, but they distrained the goods and said they could not receive any [money] nor give any discharge for it, and Fowkes would not receive it unless it were brought to Hull. To-day he brought money to this town to redeem the goods distrained, but cannot hear of them or of Fowkes.*

22. V. *Articles against Mr. Walter Fowkes. This part of this country is so exhausted by the late numerous Popish army, so long lying among them during the siege of Hull, that they are not able to contribute any considerable proportion towards the support of the Lord General's forces here, insomuch that they are daily ready some to mutiny and some to disband for want of pay; therefore it is very unfit so much money as the sum of this collection should be sent hence where the soldiers are ready to starve, and do daily petition against this very thing. That Mr. Fowkes' proceedings very much cross the execution of the Ordinance of Sequestration, occasioning great trouble to the Committee and vexation to the country. That he impoverisheth the country by exacting unreasonable fees and costs for his distresses, and multiplieth distresses without cause. That he is tenant to Dr. Hodgshon, a notorious delinquent living in York, and hath great sums in his hands of the arrears of his rent due to the said Doctor, which he endeavoureth to conceal in contempt of the order of Parliament. As it appears to the Committee, upon Mr. Fowkes' confession, that he hath considerable sums in his hands of a notorious delinquent, and the Committee conceives he hath more than he will confess, which in part they have already found, and in time hope more fully to discover, and he hath sent money to the said delinquent contrary to the ordinance of Parliament, and there is just cause to fear he may misemploy more: the Committee thinks fit the money in his hands should be seized till the Parliament give further order.* [*Copy.* 2¾ *pp.*]

Jan. 27. Cogan.

23. Edward Herbert to his uncle William Herbert, "of the [Cardiff] Friars." The occasion of mine abrupt writing is to desire that when you return homewards you will be very careful what way you come, for God miraculously defended you in your last journey; for had you stayed till Monday as you were persuaded—you know by whom—you had been taken that night at Jepstow

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[Chepstow], for the Gloucester men came by water to the house where you lay two or three hours before day, killed a captain in your chamber, and carried away prisoners all the strange commanders, 12 in number, and about 300*l.* in money, with other commodities. Also we hardly escaped them coming back, for as soon as we came to the waterside we took boat and came within a stone's cast of the other shore, but the tide turning they could not land us. Then we would have forced them to land us at the Black Rock, which if they had we had been taken, for there the enemies' boat lay, we having heard nothing of them. So we returned back that night, and passing next morning missed them not above half a quarter of an hour. [¾ *p.*]

Jan. 29. Castlemenyth. 24. Thos. Mathews to the same, his uncle, now at Oxford. Congratulates him on his escape as above. Morgan Griffins hath written to you touching a vacant place grantable by election in this country; I cannot conceive it feasible unless his Majesty's letters be grantable therein, with letters from you to some of your friends. You see more where you are how passages may be carried, therefore I will leave all to your consideration. [*Seal with device.* 1 *p.*]

Jan. 29. Castlemenyth. 25. Morgan Griffins to Richard Watkins, Bachelor of the Civil Law, at Oxford. Has sent Mr. Herbert a letter containing two particulars, one concerning some offices Mr. Arthur Lloyd and his son Charles have petitioned his Majesty for; one is Mr. Herbert's own office, the rest will be settled otherwise from Mr. Lloyd. Has drafted a warrant which, by Mr. Herbert's means and your careful solicitation, he hopes will be signed by his Majesty. 2. The second particular I shall desire you not to divulge on any terms; it is for a vacant coroner's place, which for many ages hath been replenished by some creature that belonged to the house of Pembroke; and if a letter be procured from his Majesty to the sheriff the business may be effected, if not there will be such opposition that it is better to silence it at the beginning. If the letter be signed, a writ from Chancery *de Coronatore eligendo* must be speedily sued out and sent me with his Majesty's letters, that I may bring them to the sheriff. P.S.—The County Court is to be held Feb. 12; if possible I desire an answer against that time. Pray impart the passages of these times to me, and send me 2 or 3 Mercuries for the 2 or 3 last weeks, also how the Parliament at Oxford goes on and what you understand from London. [1 *p.*]

Jan. 30. 26. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons, for the tendering of the solemn League and Covenant to all officers of the Chancery and other Courts. Those who refuse or neglect to take it forfeit their places: and that no searjeant-at-law, solicitor or other lawyer shall be allowed to practise before he has taken the said solemn League and Covenant. [*Printed in the Lords' Journals vi.*, 403. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

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Jan. 31. York. 27. Alderman Henry Thomson to Major Norton at Richmond. Upon Monday night last I being with the Lord Mayor to take our leave of the Lord General and Committee, with Sir Edward Osborne present, and some dispute [having arisen] about money, the public business requiring a sum, Sir Wm. Carnaby told my Lord of your [having] 1,500*l.* belonging to her Majesty and Prince [Charles]; I answered true it was about such a sum you left in my trust, but no order for delivery or payment; my Lord said he thought not to have meddled with it, but necessity caused him to it, and willed me pay the same to Sir William, who promised I should have warrant for it to your contentment, and Mr. Roulston in presence of divers promised and undertook to save me blameless from you. I found the money to be 1,540*l.* less 8*s.* 6*d.* mistold. I told my Lord it was not in my power to take any bond for you. This acquittance I suppose will not please you, but it was not in my power to help. [1 *p.*]

Jan. 28. Petition of divers officers and captains, with many thousand citizens and others in and about London, trading in tobacco, to the Committee for the Navy and Customs. Petitioners taking notice of an Ordinance of Parliament of the 7th of this present January touching the excise on tobaccos of the English plantations, enjoining them to take an oath of all tobaccos sold by them since Sept. 11 last and of those now remaining in their hands or be deprived of the benefit of that ordinance, they cannot with conscience take that oath, since many of us have not kept punctual account of our sales since Sept. 11; neither are we able to pay 1*d.* a lb. for tobacco sold since then, as we have been forced, the excise running so high, to vend our commodity upon ordinary terms or be undersold by others who partly, and would more fully, have supplied the markets from the enemy's quarters. Petitioners pray you to appoint a certain number of traders in that commodity to attend you for settling the trade, that the State may have speedy supply of money and those that live thereby may be enabled and encouraged cheerfully to pay the same. [*Damaged.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 1. 29. Order of the Court of Wards. On the motion of Mr. Davies of counsel with Mrs. Jane Herbert, widow, second wife of William Herbert late of Cogan Pill, slain Oct. 23, 1642, in the battle at Kineton by Edgehill, direction is given in the presence of William Herbert of Cardiff, committee of the body and lands of William Herbert his Majesty's ward, that both sides shall be heard at compositions on Tuesday next, the 6th of this month, touching the motion now made for a decree to settle a competent yearly maintenance for the widow and her child during the ward's minority out of his estate; according to the intention of her late husband signified by his letter, four days before he was slain, to the said ward's committee. [⅔ *p.*]

Feb. 1. St. John's College, Oxford. 30. John Jones to Lord [Hopton]. We have a fair convention of Lords and Commons, not as yet under the notion of Parliament, at the Schools; the Lords in persons and proxies are near 100,

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the Commons about 180 in number; 4 of the Westminster Covenanters are come unto us, more are expected daily. The northern news, I doubt not, you received before me at Oxford. The west affords this :—Warham, in Dorset, held by the rebels, Lord Hopton took 3 days since with 300 prisoners in it, and Wardour Castle, Count Arundel's dwelling house, fortified and possessed. My Lord last night made 11 breaches in it, dismounting the rebels' ordnance that lay upon the uppermost leads, with the slaughter of 12 men and of the Governor Sir Henry Ludlow's son. The reduction of this and Warham gaineth us all Wilts and Dorset, save a sea town called Poole. Lord Hopton hath taken up his winter quarters in Winchester with 3,500 foot and 2,000 horse. Waller is at Arundel, a castle of grand concernment to his Majesty's affairs, basely sold for 2,000*l.* in gold. Sergeant Ivors [Evers] is Speaker for the Commons, Attorney Lane is Lord Chief Baron, Holborne the Prince's Attorney, Gardiner King's Solicitor, and Lord Dorset Lord Chamberlain. It is confidently reported the Lord Marquis of Hertford is Groom of the Stole. Some great men are already questioned by the Lords and Commons. I understand I have a brother now a prisoner in Pembroke Castle; I am a suitor to you for his liberty, the rather because Lord Jermyn hath put an engagement upon him to raise a few foot for the Queen's regiment. You may safely assure them of Pembroke that any soldier of my brother's quality detained by his Majesty's forces at Oxford shall immediately be released for him. If you think fit I desire delivery of the enclosed to Baronet Owens [Sir Hugh Owen] in my brother's behalf. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 1. 31. Commission of Edward Earl of Manchester, Sergeant-Major General of the [Associated] Counties of Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Herts, Cambridge, Hunts, and Lincoln, appointing Lawrence Crawford to be Sergeant-Major General of all the forces both of horse and foot raised under my command within the said Associated Counties for the defence of King, Parliament, and kingdom. [*Signed and sealed strip of parchment.*]

Feb. 1. 32. The like, appointing Sergeant-Major General Lawrence Crawford to be captain of a troop of horse consisting of 100 raised in Suffolk. [*Signed and sealed strip of parchment.*]

Feb. 1. 32A. The like, appointing Major-General Crawford to be Commissary General of the Horse raised within the Associated Counties. [*Parchment.*]

Feb. 1. 32B. The like, appointing Crawford to be President of the Council of War for the army raised in the Associated Counties. [*Parchment.*]

Feb. 2. Order of the Commons. That all the goods and estate of Captain Ashfield, Papist in arms, concealed in London or elsewhere, and now discovered, be disposed of by the Gloucester Committee towards raising horse under Capt. Aileworth for the service of Gloucester. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii,* 386. *Interregnum G.* 64, *p.* 56.]

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Feb. 3. St. John's College [Oxford]. 33. John Jones to Lord [Hopton]. I doubt not but our disaster in Cheshire, however not so great as report maketh it, has arrived with you. The Lords and Commons have voted this day 100,000*l.* for his Majesty's service; they are unanimous, resolute, and quick despatches. I am bold to remember your Lordship of an Oxford favour; you were nobly pleased to promise to exempt the little estate I have in Cardiganshire from taxes requirable by the public service. Some that are near the helm of this Government will justify to you that the expressions of my loyalty have exceeded the proportion of my estate. I have undertaken lately to raise and arm 100 men, and I am assured I may aver that very few of those that pretend most in Cardiganshire have not equalled what I have already done for his Majesty. The disproportioned taxes lately imposed on me in Cardiganshire emboldened me to this. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 5. 34. Certificate of Joseph Wanscott. This is [all] that I can attest of the Bishop. Mr. Legatt being to attend on the printing press at Berwick for his Majesty's use at the first Pacification, he sent a proclamation to the printing house in Blackfriars, and the partners sent me with it to Bishop [Laud] to know whether they should print it here; but his answer was it was a dishonourable peace and it should not be printed, and was very angry at the Secretary for drawing it. But I have not the proclamation nor cannot meet with it now nor the other for burning the papers, but there was such a one printed at the King's printing house in Blackfriars. [*Endorsed:* "Art. 6" of the articles against Laud. ½ *p.*]

Feb. 5. 35. Note by Sir John Lambe of the Governors of Sutton's Hospital, London. [½ *p.*]

Feb. 5. 36. Petition of John le Cousteur on behalf of Esther, widow of James le Cousteur, of the isle of Jersey, to the King. That Esther appealed to the King in Council against a sentence given by the bailiff and jurates of that isle, in prejudice of her right in favour of John Bisson, touching money due by Bisson to the heirs of Sir John Peyton, in October 1642, but was unable to appear without manifest danger of life or liberty till now that the said isle is again settled in your Majesty's obedience in the former peace and quiet, whereby the time limited by law is elapsed before she could enter the said appeal. Sues for the King's favour to prosecute the appeal notwithstanding the time be thus elapsed. *Underwritten,*

36. 1. *His Majesty, by advise of his learned counsel, being pleased to yield to petitioner's desires, commands that the appeal be entered in the Council Book, signed by George Lord Digby, Court at Oxford, 5 Feb.* 1643–44. [1 *p.*]

Feb. 6 Court at Oxford. Warrant of the King under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer to pay to Anthony Choqueux, our surgeon in ordinary, 883*l.* 12*s.*, for so much due to him for his pay and disbursements for our service in our army from 8 Aug. 1642 to 1 Feb. 1643 [–4], appearing

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by an account signed by John Ashburnham, Esq., our Treasurer-at-Wars. [*Vol.* 498, *No.* 8, *p.* 31. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 7. Court at Oxford. The like for payment to Col. Thos. Weston, 200*l.*, without account. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 32–33. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 7. Order of the Commons [*See Journals iii., p.* 390]. That the Committee named do tender the National Covenant to Sir Edward Deering, to the end that he may have the benefit of the Declaration of both kingdoms, and are further to consider of some way how such as shall come in and demand the benefit of the Declaration of both kingdoms may have the advantage of it, and to present their opinions to the House. Names of the Committee. They are to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Court of Wards. *Underwritten,*

I. *It is further ordered that this Committee shall have power to tender the Covenant to such persons as shall come in to take the benefit of the Declaration.*

II. *Sir Edward Deering appeared at this Committee and took the covenant according to the order, H. Elsinge, Clerk of Parliaments.* 7 *Feb.* 1643–44. [*Interregnum G.* 223, *No.* 639. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 8. 37. Receipt by the Earl of Bath, Lord Trowbridge, John Ashburnham, and John Fettiplace, for 100*l.* received from the Earl of Dover for his Majesty's use, according to an order of the Lords and Commons assembled at Oxford. [¼ *p.*]

Feb. 9. 38. Proceedings at the Committee for Sequestering the estates of Delinquents and Papists in the city of London, and all within the jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor. Thomas Conn appeared who was required to pay the arrears of rent and deliver the keys of the house called the Crown in Cheapside, the inheritance of Sir Thos. Allen, now sequestered for the State's use. Conn desired the Committee to consider that he possessed an estate in the house as assignee of Mr. Lawrence Brinley, who took the lease for him from Sir Thos. for 70*l.* per annum, wherein he had 18 years to come at Midsummer last, alleging he had paid for his estate therein 200*l.* at least, desiring he might not be charged with the arrears, and if the Committee disposed of his house that they would take his disbursements into consideration. Hereupon it is ordered that Conn delivering up the keys of the house, with all writings concerning it, his request should be considered; whereunto he submitted. After debate, the Committee remitted the arrears and took the house into their possession; and hereby discharge Brinley and Conn, their executors and administrators, against Sir Thos. Allen and all others in regard of their estate therein. [1 *p.*]

Feb. 9. 39. Order of the Court of Wards. Referring the papers concerning the wardship of William, son of William Herbert slain at Edgehill, to the attorney of the Court of Wards, that he may certify what provision should be made out of the ward's estate for Mrs. Herbert and her child, and the Court will decree as the case shall require. [1 *p.*]

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Feb. 10. 40. The humble remonstrance of Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord High Admiral of England, to both Houses of Parliament. Showing the insufficiency of the Parliamentary navy for defence of the kingdom; and commenting on the slowness of the preparations; and pointing out the inconveniences that will arise if speedy course be not taken to quicken them according to the proportions mentioned. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 419. *Draft.* 3 *pp.*]

Feb. $\frac{12}{22}$. The Hague Sir Wm. Boswell to Philip Burlamachi at London. Before the recess of the State of Holland, which is for three weeks, they gave public audience to Mr. [Walter] Strickland, Agent for the English Houses of Parliament, which "the Grave" think might have better been forborn whilst their Ambassadors are with his Majesty [the King of England] mediating a peace. I have received letters from Co. of 9 Jan., and lastly a packet of prints 26th Jan., which I tell you for a rarity. The first Monday, as I remember, in Christmas I sent you the sentence in the Jewel business; answer unto which letter I do not remember to have had from you, concerning my own particular *sed transeat in cæteris erroribus.* I cannot yet give Sir Thos. Rowe hope of Dr. Kneufelvis coming hither before the middle of March, which makes me forbear to write at least till next week. [*Extract from letter in Holland Correspondence.*]

Feb. 12. 40A. List of officers and staff of his Majesty's present train of artillery, Lord Percy, General; Mr. Mason his secretary; Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant-General. This list which has alterations made in April comprises besides the names of the officers, &c., of the train of artillery, the names of the gentlemen of the Ordnance, conductors, stockmakers, gunners, matrosses, armourers, smiths, collarmakers, coopers, carpenters, gunfounders, sawyers, wheelwrights, and pioneers. [14 *pp.*]

Feb. 14. Our Court at Oxford. 41. Privy Seal under the Sign Manual to William Wyatt, merchant of Bristol. Both Houses of Parliament at Oxford having determined on the necessity of supporting our army for the defence of Us and our people against the invasion [of the Scots] and for the preservation of the religion, laws, and liberties of this kingdom, and thereupon have agreed upon the speedy raising of 100,000*l.* by loan towards which themselves have advanced a very considerable proportion, and by their examples, hope that our well-affected subjects throughout the kingdom will in a short time make up the remainder. We desire you forthwith to lend 20*l.* or that value in plate to be paid to the High Sheriff of that county. [*Printed.* 1 *p.*] *Dorso,*

41. I. *Receipt by Henry Creswick, Sheriff. Has received* 80 *ozs of touched plate from William Wyatt, in value* 20*l. at* 5*s per oz.* 29 *March* 1644. [6 *lines.*]

Feb. 14. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. That Wm. Thomas and Henry Clerke are by our appointment sworn Grooms of the Chamber in ordinary to the Queen in the rooms of Henry Poskin and John Sparkes deceased, and we are pleased to allow to each of

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them 2*s.* a day for their entertainment, these are to require you to pay the same to them severally at the usual quarters. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 34. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 15. 42. Testimony of Richard Culmer, heretofore minister of Goodnestone, Kent, relative to Archbishop Laud of Canterbury. Before this Parliament began I Richard Culmer, Mr. John Player minister of Kennington, and Mr. Thomas Heiron minister of Hern Hill, and Mr. Gardner of Sandwich were called into the Consistory of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral, where the Dean and many of the prebends of that Cathedral sat *in plena curia* as the Archbishop's Commissioners at his metropolitical visitation; and Mr. Gardner had farther day given him to publish the book for Sabbath dancing, but died before that day came; but Culmer, Player and Heiron were then suspended for refusing to publish it and so continued for above 3½ years. Immediately after their suspension they jointly petitioned the Archbishop for absolution, at Lambeth, but he having read the petition said, "If you know not how to obey I know not how to grant," and departed; and afterward being divers times severally petitioned by them he refused to absolve them until the Bishops' war against the Scots began. When I petitioned the Archbishop one time he being in a great rage said, "Consideration! I will take nothing into consideration, and if you conform not all the sooner I'll take a more round course with you;" and so saying he threw Mr. Culmer's petition at him violently. So the Archbishop suffered me to continue suspended and deprived by the patron, who gave away my living immediately upon my suspension, so I had not one farthing profit of my ministry or living for 3½ years, having myself, my wife and 7 children to provide for. [*Endorsed:* "Article 9." ½ *p.*]

[Feb. 15.] The Committee of both kingdoms is mentioned in the Commons' Journals under this date, and the list of English members is given as the first entry in draft order book of this Committee, Interregnum, 1 E. But a much fuller and more satisfactory account of the institution of this Committee, which from its meeting at Derby House is frequently designated the Derby House Committee, will be found in Commons' Journals under date 22 May 1644. [*See Feb.* 18.]

Feb. $\frac{16}{26}$. Venice. Sir Gilbert Talbot to his brother Sherrington Talbot at Court [in England]. My letters have learned an importunate style of late which I hope you will pardon. My design of [raising] levies is totally laid aside, and consequently my hopes of seeing you in England, which is the reason that I have been forced to trouble you in my project of lead, which if you can effect at Court you will enable me to render such real service to his Majesty that I doubt not but I shall thereby advance myself into some modest degree of fortune and favour. The argument which will best facilitate and promote that grant, I have already made use of to Sec. Nicholas, and it will not be amiss if you repeat it, viz., that in the proposition I

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have no aim at my own particular interest, but intend to convert all the benefit and credit which I shall raise from thence to his Majesty's use, and to this end I have already treated with some merchants who will adventure their stocks with me, which you may communicate to Nicholas upon whose favour I much depend. If this business succeed not as I have fancied, I pray you let all diligence be used in the receipt and transmission of my rent, which will be two years at Lady Day as I advertised you in my last. It will be a matter of no small advantage to me if you pay the money to Mr. Bevan in Bristol, and desire him to send it in so much lead for my use, by the first occasion which offers for Venice; in the meantime he may write to Mr. Michael Francis here, to furnish me with the sum which you pay into his hands and remit the lead to him, out of which he may reimburse himself. Be pleased to stir in this business, for I shall have speedy occasion for my money, having paid some importunate creditors with the greater part of the 200*l.* which I received lately from my countryman Mr. Barnesley upon his Majesty's letter to him. If you procure order to "plounder" my rent at Liddington, I desire you would likewise endeavour the same course for the recovery of my pensions in Dorsetshire which are upwards of four years in arrears and will cost me several suits hereafter, if you cannot get them now; in my opinion, my case deserves consideration, since my sufferings are solely occasioned by my absence in his Majesty's service. [*Seal with crest.*, 2 *pp. In Venice Correspondence.*]

Feb. 16. Order of the Commons [*see Journals iii., p.* 401]. That the Committee [appointed to tender the Covenant to Sir Edward Deering] do meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the [Inner] Court of Wards; and bring in their opinions on Monday morning, and that [in the meantime] the clause of [the power to that Committee, for] tendering the Covenant to such persons as shall come in to take the benefit of the Declaration, shall be suspended; and that the Earl of Westmoreland's petition be referred to the consideration of this Committee. H. Elsynge, Clerk of Parliaments. *Underwritten,*

List of Names added to the Committee for considerations upon the taking of the Covenant, which Committee was revived with the power as before. [*Interregnum* 223 *G., p.* 640. *Copy* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 17. Court at Oxford. Warrant of the King under the Privy Seal to the Treasurer and Under-treasurer of the Exchequer. Whereas we have given command to Sir John Pennington to perform divers services of great importance both for the victualing and setting forth of ships, sending of victuals for Ireland and fetching soldiers from thence, and all other things appertaining to marine affairs, and to disburse such sums as shall be needful for that service, our pleasure is that you pay out of the money in the Exchequer to Sir John Pennington or his assigns 40,000*l.* or so much as shall be required for that service, and for such monies as he has already received you cause

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tallies to be stricken for the same to be charged in our Exchequer as part of the said 40,000*l.* for which he is to render an account. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 28. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 17. Court at Oxford. The like. By our letters of the 3rd present we appointed Sir George Strode by his agents and factors to furnish match, powder, saltpetre, and tow to the value of 4,000*l.* and to send the same to Bristol or Weymouth in such vessels as he should deem fittest, but that he should incur no loss in the event of the same being taken by the enemy either by sea or land or otherwise miscarry by sea, that then the accompt of Thos. Fownes or his assignees should be allowed by the auditors of our imprests upon the usual attestation of merchants. Our pleasure is that you pay to Sir George or his assignes the said 4,000*l.* or such part thereof as he shall disburse. [*Ibid., pp.* 23, 24. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

Feb. [17.] Orders regulating the Committee of both kingdoms. 1. The place of meeting—To be at Derby House. 2. The first time of meeting and times afterwards—Three o'clock daily. 3. The officers attendant, viz., Mr. [George Rodolph] Weckherlin, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Frost the other Secretary, a housekeeper named Scott, and four messengers. 4. The means for secrecy—An oath for secrecy; [Sir Achibald Johnstone] Lord Warristone and Mr. Solicitor to tender it to-morrow to the Committee. 5. Orders for the manner of proceeding at the Committee; 1, a chairman to be chosen and to continue for one fortnight; 2, the Earl of Northumberland for the first fortnight; 3, that the chairman be intreated to provide some minister of the Assembly to pray daily at the meeting and rising of the Committee; 4, the chairman is to have power to open any letters that are directed to the Committee, so that he call any two of the Committee to be present at the opening of them; and may summon the Committee to meet upon extraordinary occasions when he shall think fit; 5, books of entries and respective books to be kept for the Committee of both nations, and one clerk for each respectively. To meet to-morrow at Essex House. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book, p.* 1.]

Feb. 18. The Committee of both Houses of Parliament appointed to join with the Committees and Commissioners of Scotland to the Committees of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army in England. The two Houses of Parliament were so sensible of the necessity of uniting as well the counsels as forces of both kingdoms in this common cause, that upon the arrival here of the Commissioners from the Honourable Convention of the Estates of Scotland, they immediately took into their consideration how to settle a speedy and constant way for effecting the same, which now they have perfected by an Ordinance of Parliament, a copy whereof is enclosed, whereby you will perceive that the Parliament hath appointed some of the members of both Houses to join with the Committees and Commissioners sent from Scotland as a Committee of both kingdoms for the purposes expressed in the said Ordinance. And in the name of those members of both Houses I am commanded

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to declare to your Lordships that as the kingdom of Scotland have given large testimonies of their unfeigned affection to this nation and of their zeal to this common cause by their Commissioners lately sent to the Parliament, who have performed their trust with great prudence, fidelity, and diligence, so shall there be nothing wanting on our parts to increase that correspondence, affection, and confidence, so happily begun between the two kingdoms, both [by] the Generals, the Armies, and the Committees; that in this Union God may give a blessing to our joint endeavours for the speedy ending the unhappy troubles and distractions in all his Majesty's dominions. And to this purpose I am to desire your Lordships that you will be pleased to resolve of some safe and frequent way of intercourse and intelligence between us on your part, like as we shall endeavour from hence to you, to the end the affairs of both kingdoms may be carried on and managed by joint counsels for their best advantage according to the end expressed in the Covenant. Subscribed in the name and by the warrant of the Committee of both Houses appointed to join with the Committees and Commissioners of Scotland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 1, 2. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

Feb. 18. London. The Committee of both kingdoms to John Lord Robartes. The two Houses of Parliament having appointed you to be of the Committee that is to join with the Commissioners of Scotland for the better managing the affairs of both nations, this Committee desires your company as soon as your occasions will permit. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 2. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. [18.] Essex House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. A sub-committee chosen to give information to this Committee of the state and condition of all forces as well of the enemy as of our own and where they are quartered: likewise that they give an account of stores in the magazines. Names of the sub-committee appointed, viz., Lord Wharton, Sir Arthur Haselrig, Sir Gilbert Gerald, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sergeant John Glynn, Recorder of London, and Messrs. [John] Crew and [William] Pierrepont. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders*, *p.* 1.]

Feb. 19. York House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Essex, Lords Say and Sele, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, and Messrs. Wm. Pierrepont [M.P. for Great Wenlock], Oliver St. John, Solicitor General, [John] Crew [M.P. for Brackley], Samuel Browne, M.P., and Robt. Barclay. Resolved upon the question:— 1. That any of this Committee shall have liberty to reveal whatsoever they are not forbidden to reveal by the major part of those that shall sit in or about the city of Westminster. 2. That any of this Committee shall have liberty to reveal by word to any of the Committee intelligence; and also their debates and resolutions, not mentioning by whom anything has been spoken in such debates, notwithstanding any restraint in the former article. 3. That if

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any of this Committee of either House of Parliament shall think himself bound in conscience to reveal anything forbidden by the major part sitting as aforesaid, it shall be lawful, after he has imparted it to the said major part, to reveal the same to that House whereof he is a member. 4. That if any Commissioners of Scotland of this Committee shall think himself bound in conscience to reveal anything forbidden by the major part of this Committee sitting as aforesaid, it shall be lawful, after he has imparted it to the said major part, to reveal the same to those by whom he is intrusted. [*Margin:* These four orders vacated by an order of 2nd August 1644.] 5. Ordered, that there be a sub-committee to prepare orders to regulate the proceedings of the Committee. And they are also to prepare an oath for the Secretaries and their clerks. The names of the sub-committee, Lords Wharton, Say, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Oliver St. John, Solicitor General, and Crew. 6. That Sir Gilbert Gerard shall report to the House of Commons the sense of this Committee for providing money to stay the City regiments now in Sussex. As also to send away Sir Richard Greenville's troops, and the foot of Sir Arthur Haselrigg, with such other forces as shall be ready to march. As also for some provisions for Sir Wm. Waller's troops and foot. 7. That a letter be prepared to Col. Browne, in which to take notice of his good service, and to encourage his stay there with the forces under his command till those countries shall be in more safety. 8. That the Lord General be desired to write to his officers in the north to make stay of the Earls of Crawford, Montrose, Niddesdale [Nithsdale], Vist. Aboyne, and Lords Ogilvy and Reay. 9. That the Lord Admiral be desired to do the like to his officers at sea that are on the north coast. 10. That a sub-committee be appointed to prepare some instructions for Mr. [Walter] Strickland, and for such other agents as shall be employed to Foreign Protestant States. Appointed Lord Warristone and Mr. Solicitor [St. John]. 11. The Commissioners of Scotland are desired to think of some fit man of their nation to be joined with Mr. Strickland for the joint transaction of the affairs there. 12. That a letter be written to Lord Fairfax to settle a way to send thence by land to the Scottish army, the eastern way if it may be done safely; and Mr. Weckherlin to prepare a cipher. 13. That Lord Saye, Lord Warristone, and Mr. Solicitor do think of some fit person to make a declaration to be published to Foreign States concerning the present differences. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 2, 3.]

Feb. 19. 43. Petition of Edmund Felton to the Committee for safety of both kingdoms. Petitioner has found out [an engine] several ways very profitable in war, and which will be a great saving of bloodshed and money. He can do other good service, and prays that if his engines cannot justly be excepted against they may forthwith be made to go upon service. [½ *p.*] *Annexed,*

43. I. *Propositions of Felton, describing his engine and the saving effected by it in men and money.* [1½ *pp.*]

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Feb. 19. 44. Warrant of the Committee for co. Surrey to the High Constables of Elmbridge. By an Ordinance of Parliament the Committees of the several counties are required to take special care that the solemn league and covenant, that has passed the two kingdoms of England and Scotland, be taken by all men of what condition soever above the age of 18 years, both lodgers and inhabitants, the ministers, churchwardens, and other local officers first taking the same in the presence of the Committee, who are to return to Parliament the names of such as absent themselves or refuse to take the same. These are to require you to send your warrants to the petty constables of every parish within your hundred to warn the local authorities to appear before us [the undersigned] by 9 a.m. on Saturday next, at Kingston-upon-Thames, to perform this duty, and themselves to be present to make a return of those whom they have warned; you, the High Constables, are also required to be there present to take the said covenant and to make a return of the execution of this warrant, being a service of high concernment. [1 *p.*]

Feb. 19. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. Whereas we commanded James Earl of Marlborough to victual and set forth to sea a certain number of ships, in which service he has disbursed 1,000*l.* already received of the Collectors of Customs in the Western ports. Our will is that you cause tallies to be stricken in the Exchequer for the said sum upon account to be by him rendered. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 30. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Feb. 20. St. John's College, Oxon. 45. John Jones to Lord [Hopton?]. We have strong reports sent us from all quarters, but no expresses, of a total overthrow given the Scots. The Londoners look sad upon it and confess a slaughter of 400 of their northern brethren. The States' Ambassadors now resident at St. John's are well affected to our cause, whether out of religion, moral honesty, or interest; some of their followers tell me that this kingdom being reduced to a State would destroy their trade, and that they can [gain] with more facility their end from a monarch than a State in England, and I believe most are of their opinion. The Lords and Commons daily meet in the Schools and with much unanimity and expedition despatch many businesses, having this week sent propositions of peace to the people of Westminster; not, I believe, that they expected to be heard in it, but to render the imposters to the seduced multitude more visible than before they were reputed to be. Some officers of the army are questioned, others removed. Lord Crawford and Colonel Innes, with a few more Scottish officers, are out of the employment they were lately in, whether left by or taken from them I doubt not you will be made acquainted. There lately arrived at Weymouth 7,000 arms, with match and ammunition. The grand imposters of Westminster are eagerly bent to transfer the omnipotent power they pretend to have into the hands of a few of both their Houses; whether they do it to prevent the people noticing their paucity or to employ them in their several counties to stir and continue

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relection [re-election], or for both, I leave to others to judge. P.S.—I took the boldness to desire your assistance for my brother's liberty and furtherance in the service he is intended for, with which you were made acquainted by [Henry] Lord Jermyn's letters, inclosed in mine, all which I hope you have received. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 20. Warwick House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir W. Waller, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. [Wm.] Pierrepont, [Robert] Wallop [M.P. for Andover], [John] Crew, [Samuel] Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter of advice be written to the Committees of both kingdoms resident with the Scottish army to signify that there are sent 900 firkins of butter and 500 weighs of cheese in the Samuel and Justina, whereof Robert Carr is master, as part of the 50,000*l.* intended for them, with assurance that there is care taken for the rest. 2. Sir Wm. Brereton and Thos. Middleton are desired to bring in to-morrow in writing what they desire for supply of men, arms, ammunition, and money. As also the number and state of their forces and where they are quartered. Also what they know of the forces of Lancashire and of Sir Thos. Fairfax's forces. 3. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] be desired to give to the Committee the state of the navy, both in respect of what is past, and what shall be necessary to put forth a fleet to sea. 4. That the business between Sir Wm. Waller and Col. Stapley be taken into consideration to-morrow, being referred to this Committee from the House [of Commons]. Also Sir Wm. Waller's brigade, *vide* order of Feb. 20. 5. That the business of those three letters that were left by the Lord General [Essex] be taken into consideration to-morrow. 6. That Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, and Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to go to the Excise men about the business of the 20,000*l.*, and to receive their positive answer. 7. That Sir H. Vane do at the next sitting of the House of Commons report to the House as the sense of this Committee. 8. That the Earl of Lothian be exchanged for Col. Goring, forasmuch as it tends to the preservation of his life. 9. That Joseph Butler and Thos. Pilcocke shall be two of the messengers to attend this Committee. Orders were brought in and read and recommitted to the same Committee to bring in further orders. 10. To think of money for necessary use to-morrow. 11. To meet at Arundel House to-morrow at 3 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 3, 4.]

Feb. 20. Warwick House. Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Browne. This Committee, taking notice of that good service which you with the forces under your command do in those parts where you now are, have represented the same to the House of Commons, who, for your encouragement, have taken order that 2,000*l.* shall be very shortly

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Feb. 20. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. We have thought it necessary to give you notice that there is sent to you by the ship called the Samuel and Justina, Robert Caire [Kerr] is master, a quantity of butter and cheese for the supply of the Scottish army in England, the particulars whereof is enclosed, and which have been provided by the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall in part of the 50,000*l.*, which, by the late treaty, remains to be paid for the use of that army. And as you shall find need of further provisions of this nature to be supplied from hence according as we shall have notice from you, care shall be taken for the speedy effecting thereof. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and Lord John Maitland. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 20. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to George Lord Digby, one of our principal Secretaries of State, 300*l.* for secret service. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 27. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Feb. 21. Court at Oxford. The like. Whereas Francis Walker, of co. Salop, has, by our command, cast and founded divers pieces of ordnance, and performed other services upon which there was due to him 925*l.* 10*s.* as by the account allowed by Henry Lord Percy, General of our Ordnance, appears, whereof has been already paid 400*l.* by Henry Bromley, Esq., late Sheriff of Salop, 200*l.* by Wm. Watkins, Receiver of South Wales, out of the revenue by him received and belonging to the Queen and to Prince Charles; so that there remained due to Walker 325*l.* 10*s.*, besides 40*l.* for three ton of round shot delivered at Worcester, for payment of which sums we granted letters of Privy Seal 28 Sept. last. We require you to cause tallies to be stricken in the Exchequer for 365*l.* 10*s*, as also for the 200*l.* formerly paid by our receiver of South Wales. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *pp.* 21, 22. *Copy.* 1⅓ *p.*]

Feb. 21. Arundel House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, Mr. Solicitor [St. John], Mr. Recorder [Glynn], and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, Crew, Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Gilbert Gerard do report to the House of Commons to-morrow, a letter of Major Skippon to the Lord General [Essex] of 20th Feb. from St. Albans. 2. That Theodore Jennings shall be a messenger to attend this Committee. 3. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg and Mr. Browne do enquire of Mr. Dillingham, and report to this Committee to-morrow. 4. That two letters be written from this Committee, one to the Earl of Manchester and

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the other to Sir John Meldrum concerning the business at Newark. 5. That Messrs. Hodges, Pury, Bridges, and Stevens be desired by a messenger to attend this Committee to-morrow to give information concerning the state of Gloucester. As also that the clerk of the Close Committee do bring to this Committee to-morrow all letters and informations sent from Gloucester to that Committee. 6. That Col. Stapley be summoned to be at the Committee to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 4–5.]

Feb. 21. Arundel House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. Since your departure hence the Lord General [Earl of Essex] has received letters from Sir John Meldrum, which give good encouragement to proceed in the business of Newark (some extracts of which letters are enclosed), concerning which we are not willing to give you any positive direction; but if you know no reason since your departure which may persuade the contrary, we commend it to you to write to Sir John Meldrum and to the forces in those parts under your command that the business may be put in execution; and that if you find the money mentioned in one of Sir John Meldrum's extracts to be paid to Lord Fairfax's soldiers fit to be paid, that you will give speedy order for payment thereof, without which those forces are not like to march, about which money if there shall grow any dispute seeing it is so necessary to this service, we desire you will some way supply it that the business be not hindered thereby. The forces of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and those of Lord Willoughby shall be ready to attend this service by the Lord General's direction. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 4. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 21. Arundel House. The same to Sir John Meldrum. The Lord General having acquainted this Committee with some letters of yours concerning the design of Newark, they have thought fit to recommend the same to the Earl of Manchester, from whom they doubt not but you will speedily hear concerning this business, as also for paying the 700*l.* you mention to Lord Fairfax's soldiers. The Lord Willoughby's horse, and Sir John Gell's, and the Nottingham forces, you may depend upon for this service, but for Lord Grey's they are reversed for another important design. The Committee cannot but take notice of your good affections to the public, and which shall not want encouragement from them so far as lies in their power. Signed by Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Ibid., p.* 5. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 22. 46. An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons for taking and receiving the accounts of the whole kingdom, together with the names of the Committee appointed for that service. Also an oath to be taken by every person of that Committee, before he enter into the said office, before the Speaker for the time being of either House of Parliament. [*Printed in the Lords' Journals vi.* 437. *Pamphlet with marginal notes in MS. Printed by the Commons' order. For Edw. Husbands,* 24 *Feb.* 1643–44. 7 *pp.*] *Annexed,*

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46. I. *The like, for explanation of the above Ordinance.* [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 627. *Pamphlet with MS. marginal notes. Printed for Edw. Husbands*, 11 *July* 1644. 3 *pp.*]

46. II. *An additional Ordinance of the Lords and Commons for the better taking and expediting the accounts of the whole kingdom. June* 26, 1645. [*Pamphlet with MS. marginal notes. Printed at London by T. W*[*arren*] *for Edw. Husbands, printer to the House of Commons.* 14 *pp.*]

Feb. 22. 47. Another copy of the first of these printed pamphlets, but without the MS. marginal notes. [7 *pp.*]

Feb. 22. Worcester House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Wallop, and Robt. Barclay. Resolved, 1. That the supplies to be now sent to Gloucester shall be sent by horse and not by waggon. 2. That the proportion to be now sent shall be 50 barrels of gunpowder, two tuns of match, 1,200 coats, pairs of shoes and shirts, 200 firelocks, 400 cwt. of brimstone, and 2,200*l.* in money. 3. That the gentlemen of Gloucestershire shall provide 60 horses, with panniers and saddles, for the conveyance of the above named provisions, out of the money in hand. 4. That for the convoy of these provisions 300 horse are to be drawn out of the quarters about St. Albans. 5. That 300 horse be drawn out of the Earl of Manchester's horse about Newport Pagnell. 6. That the Earl of Denbigh and the Coventry and Warwick forces shall furnish 600 horse for this service. 7. That Lords Grey and Northampton do furnish 500 horse. 8. To have 500 dragoons for this service, viz., 100 of the Lord General's, 200 of the Earl of Manchester's, and the remaining 200 to be provided by the Lord General. 9. That it be referred to the Lord General [Essex] to appoint a Commander-in-Chief [of these forces]. 10. That the particulars of this debate be referred to the Lord General to put in execution with all other circumstances that may best conduce to the carrying on of the business. 11. That Sir Wm. Waller and Col. Stapley be desired to present their commissions or copies of them to this Committee to-morrow at 3 p.m. And the orders of Parliament about the Association. 12. That the Committee of the Revenue be desired to furnish 200*l.* to [Walter] Strickland, agent in Holland, for his better subsistence there. 13. That none once present at the Committee shall thence depart until the Committee rise or leave of the Committee be first obtained. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 5, 6.]

Feb. 23. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present: Earl of Northumberland, Lords Maitland and Warristone. Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H.

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Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor [St. John], and Messrs. Crew, Wallop, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir H. Vane, junr., do report to the House of Commons to-morrow as the opinion of this Committee, That the Committee of the Revenue do furnish 200*l.* for the subsistence of Walter Strickland, to be transmitted through Mr. Weckherlin. 2. That Mr. Weckherlin do open the packet of intercepted letters from beyond sea, received from Mr. Corbett, and report the consents to this Committee. 3. That Col. Stapley do hold his commission, but be desired to attend the Parliament in person. 4. That Col. Stapley acquaint his Sergeant-Major with the necessity of his absence. And that he observe such orders and directions as he shall receive from Sir Wm. Waller. It is the opinion of this Committee that Col. Stapley is not to be accountable for any ill accident that may happen through his obedience to such commands. 5. That Col. Stapley be desired to acquaint this Committee whenever he shall be desirous to go to Chichester. 6. That the means for intelligence with the Scottish army be the first thing taken in hand to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 6.]

Feb. 24. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present: Earls of Northumberland and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor [St. John], Mr. Recorder [Glynn], and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, Browne, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a sub-committee be appointed for drafting letters to the Scottish army for settling of intelligence, and to those employed to hold intelligence in the several counties. To receive the letters and send them to this Committee, and to treat with Mr. Prideaux to settle the posts between this and Hull, and to settle intelligence in such other parts of the kingdom as they shall think fit to offer to this Committee. The names of the sub-committee are Lord Maitland, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Wallop. 2. The paper presented by Mr. Ashurst, concerning intelligence from the Scottish army *vid* Preston, is approved by this Committee, with this alteration, that Thursday be the day for the messenger to come to town. 3. That a letter be sent to Lord Fairfax to arrange for intelligence from the Scottish army by way of east Yorkshire. 4. That Sir H. Vane, junr., be desired to report to the House [of Commons] from this Committee, the desire of the Scottish Commissioners to have an answer from both Houses concerning the particulars contained in the paper of 17th inst. in regard they are to be sent away on Tuesday next. 5. That the instructions for [Walter] Strickland be recommitted to Lord Warristone and Mr. Solicitor [St. John] and to make some additional instructions. 6. That a letter be written to Mr. Strickland desiring him to give intelligence to this Committee on all occasions. 7. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to give a warrant for a tun of match to be sent to Gloucester from Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe's magazine. This was at once given by his Excellency. 8. That Sir Gilbert Gerard do move the House [of Commons] on Monday next to review and consider again Sir Wm.

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Waller's desire concerning the entertainment of his forces which are under the Associated Counties that the House may take order in the same. 9. That all the members of the Committee who can meet, do meet at 3 p.m., and that this Committee shall dissolve at 7 p.m., and no new motion to be made after six without leave obtained. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 7.]

Feb. 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. By reason of the continual uncertainty and often crossness of the winds we cannot keep, by sea, so constant and frequent intercourse and intelligence between us in this place and the Scottish army in the north as is necessary for the most advantageous managing of those affairs, and for that the way from hence to you is perfectly cleared by land, whereby we may constantly and securely make our despatches to you, we desire that you will endeavour to settle a course of conveyance from thence to the Scottish army, whereby by the way of the east of Yorkshire (for there is also care taken for intelligence hither by the way of Lancashire) that so intelligence may be held as the exigency of affairs shall require. Enclosed is a cipher by which you may hereafter advise matters of importance and secrecy unto this Committee. Our messengers shall call upon you weekly for the Scottish letters and your dispatches on Friday night. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 5 *and* 6. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

Feb. 26. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton, Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Wm. Waller, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Earl of Manchester noticing his of the 23rd, and thanking him for his readiness to further the affair of Newark. To inform him that this Committee has no intention to send his forces into Yorkshire. 2. That Mr. Pierpont do report to the [House of Commons], as the opinion of this Committee, that Sir William Brereton shall have 1,500 muskets, swords, bandeleers, and head pieces; and 30 barrels of gunpowder when the stores can conveniently spare the same. 3. Also that he report the desire of Sir Wm. Brereton for 5,000*l.* towards payment of arrears and raising of forces. 4. Likewise to report as the desire of this Committee, that Sir Thos. Middleton be supplied with 40 barrels of gunpowder, 300 cwt. of match, 200 carbines, 8 drakes, and 2 petards. 5. That it be reported to the House as the desire of this Committee, that 20 barrels of gunpowder and one ton of match be sent to Col. [Thos.] Mitton. 6. That it be reported to the House by Mr. Pierpont that Col. Mitton desires 1,000*l.* to be sent to him. 7. That he also do report the desire of this Committee that 100 barrels of gunpowder be laid into Arundel Castle for the store and use of Sir Wm. Waller. 8. Instructions for [Walter] Strickland brought in, read, and approved, and Mr. Solicitor [St. John] desired to make report thereof to the House. 9. That the sub-committee for agents do take care for some man to be an Agent in France. 10. That the

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carrying on of the war in the west be the first thing taken into consideration to-morrow. That Sir John Bampfield and Mr. Prideaux be desired to come to this Committee at that time with such of their countrymen as they think fit to give information of the state of their country. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 8, 9.]

Feb. 26. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. By our special command Legg has caused to be erected a mill for grinding swords at Woolvercott, co. Gloucester, and forges at Gloucester Hall; you are therefore to pay upon account to Wm. Legg, Esq., Master of the Armouries, a sum not exceeding 2,000*l.* for providing swords and belts in the office of armouries, the same to be made at the usual price and according to the patterns by us appointed; also to provide tools and other necessaries for sword-blade makers employed by the said Master of the Armouries. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 29. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 27. Ragley Lodge. 48. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway, in Oxford. I have been much disappointed of messengers to send some perry to you; there are two rundlets at my house near Tewkesbury which I cannot get conveyed to you, and therefore provided some in another place, which I am promised shall come to you this week by one Bolton, a carrier in Feckenham. In this long pursuit after lampreys I can procure but one which this messenger undertakes shall be delivered; more I will provide as soon as may be. Concerning John Boyer's propositions, he knew I did not like them. He rents Dumfries at 20*l.* per annum, which before was 27*l.*; Arrow House, the orchard, and Arrow Park at 36*l.*, and Well Meadow at 29*l.* Discusses Boyer's propositions; the first is for an abatement of 5*l.*; the whole abatement in Dumfries and Arrow Park being 24*l.*; the second is to be discharged of all taxes; the third is, if his cattle be driven away by force of arms he would pay for no longer time than what shall be then past. If any such thing happen, what must be done with the ground afterwards? It must lie waste. Say his cattle should be taken away in respect of any pretended act by your Lordship, I conceive it then somewhat considerable; but if it merely happened in regard of some cause arising from himself, I conceive not but why the rent agreed on should be answered by himself; otherwise it were better now in this time to be a rack-renter than a freeholder. The fourth is, if peace be concluded before Lady-day then he will pay the same rent for the grounds they are now at. The grounds returned into your hand here are about 80*l.* per annum rent, and those at Luddington 120*l.*, which none as yet offer to take. P.S.—I leave the carriage of what is sent up to be paid in Oxford, to make the care thereof the greater. [*Seal with device.* 2 *pp.*]

Feb. 27. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered,

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1. That a letter now read be sent to the Earls of Manchester and Essex. 2. That John Orton be the fourth messenger to attend this Committee. 3. The Lord Admiral [Warwick] presented the state of the navy according to the order of the 20th present. 4. That the Lord General Essex be desired to give order to Sir Wm. Waller to cause the Kentish horse and Sir Richd. Greenvile's to march towards the King's quarters. 5. As also to the Earl of Manchester to march toward the King's quarters with as great a party as he shall think fit. That his Excellency [Essex] be desired to send as many of his own forces as he think convenient, as also his letters to the Earl of Manchester to march as aforesaid. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders. p.* 9.]

Feb. 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. Your letter of the 23rd instant to the Earl of Northumberland has been read in the Committee, who return you thanks for your readiness to further that design against Newark, and do assure you that they had not nor have any intentions to make use of your forces into the parts of Yorkshire. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum*, 18 *E*,, *p.* 6. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Feb. 27. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. We have appointed one to be at Preston in Lancashire at the house of Col. Alex. Rigby weekly, with such letters as shall be sent from hence. We desire you that upon the same day a messenger from you may be at the same place to receive ours and deliver yours. We have settled posts between this and Hull which will come from thence every [week], and have written to my Lord Fairfax to settle posts between your army and Hull. We have also sent the enclosed, by which you may perceive what other stages and times we have appointed, and hope by those means we shall, at least weekly, understand each other's proceedings and affairs. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Marsh. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 27. Derby House. The same to Mr. Danby. We have appointed one to be at your house at Northampton every Wednesday weekly, to carry letters between this Committee and other parts of the kingdom. Being assured of your fidelity and good affections to the Parliament, we desire you to take care that such letters as you shall receive from hence, or for us, may be safely conveyed. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that similar letters were sent to Col. Hutchinson at Nottingham Monday night, to Mr. Hallowes at Derby Saturday night, Mr. Hunt at Manchester Friday night, and Col. Alex. Rigby at Preston Friday 12 *o'clock.* [*Ibid., p.* 7. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Feb. 27. Derby House. The same to Capt. Robt. Horseman. We have appointed one to be at Mr. Danby's house at Northampton every Wednesday weekly, with such letters as shall be sent from hence, and desire that a

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messenger from you may be there on the same day to receive ours and deliver yours. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that similar letters were sent to Col. Purefoy, Col. Barker, and Major Bridges. [*Ibid., p.* 8. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

Feb. 27. Derby House. The same to Col. King. We have appointed one to be at Nottingham with Col. Hutchinson every Monday night weekly, with such letters as shall be sent from hence, and desire that, on the same day, a messenger from you may be there to receive ours and deliver yours. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a similar letter was sent to Sir Miles Hobart, Governor of Lincoln. [*Ibid. Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*].

Feb. 27. Derby House. The same to Sir John Gell. We have appointed one to be at Mr. Hallowes' house at Derby every Saturday night weekly, with such letters as shall be sent from hence, and desire that, on the same day, a messenger from you may be there to receive ours and deliver yours. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that similar letters were sent to Mr. Swinston, one of the Committee at Stafford. Also letters of the same tenor and date, inclosed in the Manchester packet directed to Mr. Hunt, to Col. Ralph Ashton, to Col. John More, to Mr. Goldborne, clerk of the Committee at Nantwich, enclosing one for Col. Mitton, with direction how to send his letters to Manchester by Mr. Goldborne to Col. Dodding, and to Col. Alex. Rigby, both which last were inclosed to Col. Rigby in the packet for Preston. [*Ibid. Copy* $= \frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

Feb. 28. 49. The King to James Hicks. Warrant to reside in Weymouth as postmaster for the direction of the Letter Office and dispatch of the weekly post barks [for the Continent] according to his directions from our Secretaries of State. These are to require you, the postmasters of Dorchester and Blandford to keep two nags and a guide specially for the mail service, and not to be used for any occasion save with consent of the postmaster. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 29. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to Murrough Baron of Inchiquin, in Ireland, or his assigns, 60*l.* disbursed by him for the rigging and fitting up of a small vessel called the Charles of Kinsale, employed a long time in our service betwixt the province of Munster and this kingdom. [*Vol. ccccxcviii.,* No. 8, *p.* 24. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Feb. 29. Coventry. 50. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee of Lords and Commons for the safety of the kingdom]. I received with my Lord General's [the Earl of Essex] directions a copy of an order from you which designed 600 horse of this county to join with other forces to serve for a convoy to the ammunition to be sent for Gloucester. I was not wanting, together with this Committee, to acquaint my Lord General with the great forces drawn towards these confines and about Gloucester purposely to intercept this

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convoy; a number too considerable and much superior to our forces intended for this expedition, as you will find by the enclosed paper of the enemy's quartering advantageously for that end, and since I have certain intelligence that all the foot which were quartered at Woodstock are removed to Chipping Norton in their way towards Gloucester, besides such horse as could be spared from the garrisons about Oxford to be employed in that design, to which they are stirred up with greater vigour upon report of great sums of money to be sent with this convoy to Gloucester. They have likewise cut down the bridge of Halford [in Warwickshire], and intend to do the like to all the other bridges which lie in the way; and to make the passages more difficult they are cutting trenches in all the fordable places of the River Stour, and are likely to leave nothing undone that may cast us into difficulties, which cannot yet fall into our apprehensions; but it is easy to foresee of what unhappy consequence it would prove to the whole kingdom, and especially to this Association, if this action should miscarry by any neglect in me to give your Lordships timely advertisement of the necessity, as it is here conceived, of sending rather an army of horse and foot than a single party of horse to force a passage through a formed army already prepared to receive us, or of making at the same time a diversion some other way to facilitate the attempt to be made by this party. It is here certainly reported that the enemy hath set up his rest so much upon this business that they use no other language than this, that if they cannot resist this convoy they give themselves for lost, and despair for the future of any good success in their affairs. [*Endorsed:* "Read March 2." 2 *pp.*]

Feb. 29. Coventry. 51. The same to Robert Earl of Essex, Lord General of the Parliament's forces. The enemy's horse and foot are drawn out of Woodstock and adjoining garrisons into Gloucestershire, and Lord Wilmot is gone with them. The 700 horse likewise which came lately to Lichfield are marching into Gloucestershire. Colonel Purefoy is this day gone to Warwick to command the forces of this county in this present expedition under Commissary General Beihre according to your directions, but as yet we have heard no news of his approach nor of any other forces going to the general rendezvous appointed by your Excellency. Prince Rupert and Lord Byron are likely to raise great forces in Shropshire if you do not enable me to oppose their proceedings. Upon the writing hereof contrary news is brought, but very uncertain, that the forces in Lichfield are returned back to Ashby-de-la-Zouch. [*Endorsed:* "Read March 2." *Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]

Feb. 29. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Wharton, Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpoint and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the two Acts of the Convention of the Estates of Scotland be reported

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to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Solicitor [St. John], with the opinion of this Committee, that something be done in imitation thereof for the laying of a firm foundation for the carrying on of the war. 2. That the officers of the Kentish foot do appear at this Committee to-morrow. 3. That the letter to Lord Fairfax be sent to Mr. Prideaux to send away. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 9, 10.]

[Feb.] Archibald Marquis of Argyle and Sir Wm. Armyn, M.P., Commissioner to Scotland, to Sir Thos. Glemham and the chief commanders of the Royalist army in Newcastle. Although we presume that the Solemn mutual Covenant entered into by both kingdoms has long since come to your hands, and likewise that you have had notice of this army desired to be raised by the Parliament of England, for the prosecution of those ends therein expressed, viz., the preservation and reformation of religion, the true honour and happiness of the King, and the public peace and liberty of his dominions; yet that it may appear both to you and all the world how unwilling we are to make a forcible use of those arms we have been constrained, by the disappointment of all other means of safety, to take up, we, the Commissioners and Committees of both kingdoms, have thought fit, besides that Declaration, a copy whereof herewith we send, lately intitled in the name of the kingdom of Scotland, for the satisfaction of the people concerning the entrance of their army, to take more particular notice of you the chief gentlemen and commanders, hoping likewise that things of so great consequence will find with you such entertainment as may answer the weight and importance of them. We will not so much wrong the cause we have undertaken as to go about after so many evident demonstrations of the necessity of our present posture to dispute it with you; but rather, instead of argument, we think it reasonable to acquaint you with our well weighed resolutions; which are, through the assistance of that God in whose cause we are engaged, and whose strength alone we trust in, with our utmost industry and hazard to endeavour the prevention of that imminent danger, not only of corruption but of ruin, which we see evidently intended to the true Protestant Religion, by the popish and prelatical faction, who never wanted will, but now think they want not strength and opportunity to accomplish it; as also the rescue of his Majesty's person and honour so unhappily entangled in the counsels of those whose actions speak their ends to be a little better than popery and tyranny; and the redeeming the peace and liberty of his dominions, in which the Irish rebellion, and the sad and unnatural divisions in England have made so great a breach. To the accomplishment of these so just and honourable designs, we have reason to expect the concurrence of all men who either owe or pretend a due love to their religion, King, or country, and shall be very sorry for the want of yours, but if misinformation or any other unhappy grounds shall so far prevail with you as to reckon us in the number of your enemies, which certainly we are not if you be friends to those ends mentioned in your Covenant, and if instead

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March 1. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Recorder Glynn, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Wallop, and Robert Barclay. Resolved, 1. That Mr. Recorder move the Commons from this Committee that the fleet appointed for the Irish coasts be speeded forth, and money sent to oppose any forces coming out of Ireland either into England or Scotland. 4,000*l.* will do the business. 2. That it be moved by Mr. Recorder in the House, that the London regiments be desired to stay in those parts where they are till the forces of the Association march towards them, and that a letter be written to them from the House to that purpose. 3. That Col. Welden's regiment march into Sir W. Waller's quarters in Sussex, and observe such orders as they shall receive from him. 4. That the Lord General [Essex] give orders that the forces appointed to go by Banbury shall go the western way. 5. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do go to the Western Committee to quicken their expediting of Sir Wm. Waller. To meet at 3 p.m., when those of the Committee here named were present. 6. That Mr. Browne do report to the House of Commons that the money due to Thomas Cunningham for arms may be paid him, as he is a fit man to be employed in Holland in joint agency with Mr. Strickland, but is hindered by reason of his engagement there for the said arms. 7. That he also report as the opinion of this Committee that the supply of victuals for the Scottish army is most pressing, and that the House be prayed to give order to the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall to consider of and expedite the same. 8. That the letters from the Scottish army be reported to the House of Lords to-morrow by the Earl of Northumberland. 9. That Sir Wm. Brereton, Commissary Copley, and three others be desired to be at the Committee to-morrow. 10. That the removing of Sir Thos. Fairfax's horse into Yorkshire be taken into consideration to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 10, 11.]

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March 2. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir W. Waller, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, and Robert Barclay. This day nothing put to the vote.

March 2. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Your letters to the Committee and his Excellency have been received, and we give you thanks for your care of the design of Gloucester and for your advertisements concerning it, and assure you that we have taken all the care we can for the safety of that action by way of diversion and leave the carrying on of that design wholly to the Commissary-General Behre, according to the instructions which he has received from his Excellency, who being upon the place is best able to judge what is fit to be done there. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and Lord J. Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 9. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

March 4. 1. Order of the House of Lords. That the Archbishop of Canterbury shall appear before them on Tuesday the 12th instant, at 9 a.m., when the House will proceed on the First and farther Articles of his Impeachment. [*See Lords' Journals vi.*, 449. $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

March 4. 2. The Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom, sitting at the late Alderman Freeman's house in Cornhill, to Martyn Dallison and Lawrence Newman, at Haberdashers Hall. Requiring a perfect account of all moneys received by them by virtue of any ordinance for the assessment of the twentieth or fifth part of estates or which have been paid or deposited with them any other ways for the public service. [*Damaged by damp.* 1 *p.*]

March 4. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Colonel [Oliver] Cromwell. Hearing your forces are about Hilsden we desire you to stay in those parts until you hear further from us, and in the meantime to be as active to the prejudice of the enemy as with your safety you may. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and Lord J. Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 10. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

March 4. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. [Names of the Committee wanting.] Ordered, 1. That order be sent to Sir Wm. Waller to take care of Sir Richd. Greenvile's regiment so as to prevent any further inconvenience from the going of Sir Richard, and that the foot may be put into a posture of service. 2. That such of the Committee of the Militia as can give best information of the state of the regiment of horse now or late under the command of Col. Turner be desired to attend this Committee, as also Cols. Turner and Thomson to attend. 3. That a party of 3,000 horse, 5,000 foot, and 600 dragoons shall march westward against the forces of Lord Hopton. 4. That the King's forces may not go to the assistance of Sir Ralph [Lord] Hopton, your forces are to be used in the best way for a diversion, and to

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keep up good intelligence with the forces at Warwick under Commissary-General Behre for the better carrying on of both designs, of the convoy to Gloucester and against Hopton. 5. That a copy of these orders be sent to the Earl of Manchester and Col. Cromwell in cypher. 6. That the particular ordering and expediting of this party be referred to the Lord General Essex and Sir Wm. Waller. 7. That Rowland Fawkerd be appointed a fifth messenger to attend this Committee. [*Interregnum*, 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 11, 12.]

March 5. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Wm. Waller, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Thursday weekly be set apart for Foreign Affairs and next Thursday for Mr. [Hugh] Peters' relation and that of Sweden. 2. That Sir Philip Stapleton do report to the House [of Commons] the Earl of Manchester's letter of 2nd March concerning the fortifying of Newport Pagnell. 3. As also two letters, one from Sir Samuel Luke and the other from Major-General Skippon. 4. That Mr. Solicitor [St. John] do report to that House from this Committee for money for messengers and other necessaries. 5. That there be employed into Yorkshire for the settling thereof all the horse of Lord Fairfax and Sir Thos. Fairfax. 6. That Lord Fairfax's foot and two Lancashire regiments supposed to muster 1,500 foot shall be employed in Yorkshire. 7. That Sir Thos. Fairfax be employed in this service into Yorkshire. 8. That there shall march into Shropshire two Lancashire regiments, 500 of Sir John Gell's forces, 600 foot out of Cheshire, 350 out of Staffordshire, and 300 out of Warwickshire, besides the 400 foot at Wem to continue there. Of horse for the same service, 200 from Warwickshire, 150 from Staffordshire, 150 of Lord Grey's, the 200 of Wem to continue there, 300 of Lancashire, besides those of Cheshire and all Lord Willoughby's. The Earl of Denbigh to command this party in chief. 9. That Sir Wm. Brereton, Sir Thos. Middleton, and the gentlemen from cos. Warwick, Salop, Stafford, Lancashire, and Cheshire be desired to be here at the Committee to-morrow. 10. That the two letters written to Lord Fairfax and Sir Thos. Fairfax concerning the business for Yorkshire are to be sent by Mr. White after having been shown to the Lord General [Essex]. 11. That Mr. Wallop do report to the House [of Commons] from this Committee that course may be taken by the Western Committee for payment of the supernumerary forces of Sir Wm. Waller that have not been taken on by the Association, and for two or three thousand pounds for present setting forth of Sir Wm. Waller. 12. That the business of Viscount Clanneboy be first taken into consideration to-morrow. 13. That to-morrow care be taken that ships may be sent to look after the ships that are to come from Holland with arms. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 12, 13.]

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March 5. 3. The Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom, sitting at Cornhill, to Martin Dallison, at Haberdashers Hall. Requiring him to deliver to them on Thursday next at 9 a.m., a certificate of the names of all accountants which were accountable to the Lords and Commons for advance of money, sitting at Haberdashers Hall. [*Damaged by damp.* ½ *p.*]

March 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. We have considered the opportunity that is now offered for reducing and assuring of Yorkshire, whilst the Marquis of Newcastle has drawn the greatest part of his forces towards the north to oppose the Scots, and how necessary it is to hinder all further levies there to increase his army, which the better to effect, we have written to Sir Thomas Fairfax to forthwith march into the West Riding, with all his horse, and take with him two regiments of foot out of Lancashire. We desire that you will also take the field with as great force of horse and foot as you can, and joining with Sir Thomas Fairfax make the best advantage you can of the present opportunity and of those forces for effecting the ends aforesaid. We also desire that you will hold a continual intelligence with the Scottish army, and by drawing near to the Tees or otherwise to give them the best accommodation you shall be able, and that you will continually advertise us of all your occurrencies and affairs. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 9, 10. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 5. Derby House. The same to Sir Thomas Fairfax. To the same effect as the preceding. [*Ibid., pp.* 10, 11. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 6. Vienna. Sir Griffin Markham to John Tupper, in the Marquis of Newcastle's army in England. The old saying is *Nemo propheta in patriâ suâ,* but I swear he was a poet who wrote it, for I never was so much esteemed as in my own country, and if Queen Elizabeth had lived I had found it really, but her death was my undoing. Oh! that I could come to serve that good King whose virtues are esteemed of all honest men, and by my brother Thomas's relation of his nature and goodness, I wish with all my heart I could serve him, but my hurts and old age do hinder me from that honour and contentment. I have written to your Marquis [of Newcastle] and recommended you to him, and so I have recommended Colonel Preston, and wished him to procure that he may be called out of Ireland and be with him, for trust me the great soldier Leslie will have no advantage of him either in judgment, skill, or valour, his actions have witnessed that, and if I be not deceived he will deserve what any man can say in commendation of him. I recommend to you all my friends and kinsfolk there who have done and I assure myself will set up their rests to do good service. I would be glad to hear what becomes of our late ambassador Sir Thos. Roe, a great friend of yours as he made us believe here, but I believed him only by discretion, I think he will have more of the fox than the Roe. I pray deliver my letter to the Marquis,

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1643-44. and if you dare write me I dare answer you and I would I were with you. God send you contentment in your own country for it is better than here. I am in doubt whether to stay here or ask my leave, and I think to do the latter and hope to do it with grace. If things happen to my benefit in any reasonable manner I will return to end my days in Flanders, otherwise in an hospital to the shame of my masters. [*Seal with crest.* 1 *p. German Correspondence.*]

March 6. The Committee of Parliament for receiving those who come in on the Declaration of both kingdoms to the Committee for preachers at Whitehall. That it be recommended to the Committee of St. James's to appoint a certain day and a certain person, in the presence of some of that Committee, to tender the Covenant, according to the Orders of both Houses. [*Interregnum G.*, 76, *p.* 561.]

March 6. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say. Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be propounded to the gentlemen of Salop how the forces that are designed for their aid shall be maintained either in money or other provisions. 2. That Mr. Pierpont shall declare by word of mouth to the gentlemen of cos. Cheshire, Lancashire, Salop, and Stafford, severally and apart from each other the numbers of men that are to be raised in the several counties for the Salop expedition. 3. That Sir H. Vane, junr., shall go out to Viscount Clanneboy to tell him that when the Committee has considered of his business they will send for him. 4. Memd., that this day I received of Sir Philip Stapleton five papers, viz.:—1, from the Earl of Forth to his Excellency [the Lord General], 29 Jan. 1643–44; 2, from his Excellency to the Earl of Forth, 30 Jan.; 3, from the Earl of Forth to his Excellency, 15 Feb. 1643–44; 4, from his Excellency to the Earl of Forth, 19 Feb. 1643–44; 5, Earl of Forth to his Excellency; 5. That a sub-committee be named to make a Declaration to the kingdom upon the three letters of the King, viz., Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton and Warriston, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Pierpont or any two of them. 6. That the business of the King's letter be first taken into consideration to-morrow. 7. That Col. Carne do attend this Committee to-morrow at 3 o'clock, and Messrs. Scofield, Baskett, and Bury. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 13, 14.]

March $\frac{7}{17}$. The Hague. Charles Louis the Elector Palatine to Sir Thos. Roe. I trust you will not believe Lord Goring a fit instrument to solicit such a business [as the command of the Wismar army] at the French Court, where his of late intercepted letters have put him in no very good

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predicament; and at no time the recommendation of the Court of England will, as long as it has the reputation to be Spanishly inclined, benefit me. I wish with all my heart your health were as firm as I see your affection is to my interests. If you had stayed here when your daughter and I desired, you had avoided many inconveniences and not have put yourself into troubles. I wish those of England may soon end in a true peace. [*Extract. In German correspondence.*]

March 7. 4. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons for upholding the Government and Fellowship of Merchants of England trading into the Levant seas; for the maintenance of clothing and woollen manufactures, the renting of lead, tin, and sundry other commodities of this kingdom. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 455. *Broadside.*]

March 7. 5. Note of privileges granted to the Levant Company. By charter, dated Dec. 14, 1605, they have power to appoint Consuls or Vice-Consuls of the Company at all places in the Seigniory of Venice or the Levant. By ordinance of both Houses of Parliament of March 7 [*see* above] they have free choice and removal of all ministers and officers maintained by them at home or abroad. [⅔ *p.*]

March 7. 6. Certificate of Martyn Dallison, clerk to the Committee of Lords and Commons for Advance of money to the Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom. I certify that, taking such to be accountants as have received the money raised by the Committee of Lords and Commons for Advance of money, these are their names, viz., Sir John Wollaston, Aldermen Towse, Warner, and Andrews, Treasurers on the Propositions, and Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Treasurer-at-Wars. But more immediately those appointed by the Committee, are, Samuel Gosse, receiver of moneys and goods distrained, Lawrence Newman, receiver of money deposited on the 20th part. There have been long since divers employed in the Wards of London who gathered money on divers propositions, whose names are omitted, but if required I shall endeavour to certify them time being allowed me. [1 *p.*]

March 7. 7. Order of the Commons' House. That such moneys as Sir Thos. Middleton shall from this time discover to belong to delinquents shall be employed by him for raising forces for North Wales, provided it exceed not 10,000*l.*, and that it be referred to the Committee for Examinations to examine the proof of the delinquency of the persons whose estates he shall discover, and [he] to be accountable to the State for the same. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii.*, 420. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 7. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Wm. Waller, Mr. Solicitor,

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Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Wallop, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do report to the House of Commons to-morrow the petition against Col. Carne, who, with the three gent. petitioners, are to attend the resolution of the House. 2. That the letter formerly sent to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army be again written and sent by this ship [not named]. 3. That the consideration of the petition from the Committee at Grocers' Hall be put off until Monday next. 4. That Col. Carne and Mr. Lisle do attend this Committee to-morrow at 3 p.m. 5. That letters be sent to the Earl of Denbigh to draw out that proportion of forces out of the several counties of his Association, appointed for Salop. 6. The like to Lancashire and Cheshire. 7. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to write to Commissary-General Behre. 8. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do report to the House with the recommendation of this Committee, that Sir Wm. Bereton and Sir Thos. Middleton may be dispatched into the country in regard their service is so necessary there at this time. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 15.]

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Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Wm. Waller, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the papers given in by the Scotts' Commissioners 8 March be presented to the House to-morrow. 2. That a sub-committee be appointed to draft a letter to be sent to his Majesty so far as is agreed upon by both nations, viz., Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Pierpont, or any three of them. 3. That the Committee meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock to peruse the draft of the letter. 4. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] write to Mr. [Walter] Strickland to have care to free the ships stayed in the Low Countries, and to send to the Judge of the Admiralty to take examinations concerning the unkind actions done against some English ships by the Hollanders, and to attend this Committee on Thursday next. 5. That the Lord Admiral do speak with traders to Newcastle about transporting provisions to the Scottish army and to bring back coals. 6. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] as the desire of this Committee that Sir Wm. Brereton be speeded away. 7. That the letter now read be sent to the Committee of Kent. 8. That a letter be sent to the Committee of the Isle of Wight to desire 300 men for assistance of Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 16.]

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The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have taken into our serious consideration the distressed estate of Wem, and the great consequence of that place not only to the adjacent counties but to the whole kingdom, and how we may reduce those counties from being under the power of the enemy.

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The best means for this now occurring to us is that your Lordship, with 200 horse and 300 foot out of Warwickshire, and 150 horse and 350 foot out of Staffordshire, do march to join with the forces already in the county of Salop to Wem. We have desired my Lord General to give you directions accordingly, and to appoint six troops of Lancashire horse and two regiments of their foot, and all the horse of Cheshire and 600 of their foot to meet at such rendezvous as you shall appoint. We have written to Sir Thomas Fairfax for his best assistance in pursuance thereof as soon as Lord Willoughby's horse, which are about 500, can be spared from a service they are now employed in, the Lord General will send them to you, and 150 horse of Lord Grey's. The necessitated expediting of this service makes us earnestly desire you not to stay, though many conveniences are wanting which we will supply as soon as we can. We know you will consider that the design for Gloucester be not hindered but as far as both may consist together. My Lord General has written to Commissary-General Behre to be aiding in this service. We inclose several letters to Sir Thos. Fairfax, Col. Purfoy, and others, which we desire you to peruse and to send them, together with any of your own, as you shall think best conducing to this design. We hope few of these forces will fail, but if any of them should we desire you to go with the rest if you conceive them able to oppose the enemy. Signed by Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. P.S.—It is not intended that any of the forces now at Warwick shall be drawn away until the design of Gloucester be performed. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 11, 12. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The same to Sir Thomas Fairfax. We have desired my Lord General to give directions to the Earl of Denbigh to relieve the besieged in Wem and the distressed people in Shropshire, and those parts from the enemy. How much this is conducing to their safety and the good affairs of the whole kingdom, you, who have done so exceeding good service, well know. We have desired my Lord General to direct you to appoint six troops of horse and two regiments of foot of Lancashire to meet at such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh, who is to command them in chief, shall appoint. We desire you and do assure ourselves that you will show them that their own safety will most consist in the good success of those their neighbours, and that no way will be so much to their own ruin as the enemies taking them. There are appointed other very considerable forces of horse and foot to meet them. We inclose some letters which we desire you to subscribe with the names of such Colonels or other officers as are most fit for this service. Signed by Northumberland and Lord Maitland. [*Ibid., pp.* 12, 13. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Thomas Fairfax. We have taken into consideration the opportunity that is now offered for reducing and assuring of Yorkshire whilst the Marquis of Newcastle has drawn the greatest part of his forces towards the

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north to oppose the Scots. And how necessary it is to hinder all further levies there to increase his army: for the better effecting whereof we desire you forthwith to march into the West Riding of Yorkshire with all your horse and to take with you two regiments of the Lancashire foot, of those that are fittest for that march, and for that purpose we have sent you enclosed two letters [*see next entry*] to those two Colonels whose regiments you would have to march with you, with blanks for their names, which we desire you to fill up. We have also written to Lord Fairfax to take the field and join with you with as great a force of horse and foot as he conveniently can, and we desire that you will make the best advantage you can both of the opportunity and of those forces for effecting the ends aforesaid, as also that you will hold a continual intelligence with the Scottish army, and by drawing near the Tees or otherwise to give them the best accommodation you shall be able, and that you will continually advertise us of all your occurrences and affairs. And because we have been willing that you and your forces should serve the opportunities now offered in Yorkshire, we have endeavoured to provide for the present necessity of Shropshire and the parts adjacent by forces from other parts, the particulars whereof we think fit to communicate with you, and desire you to give the best furtherance you can thereunto by that interest that we know you have in the hearts of the Lancashire forces. Signed by Northumberland and Lord J. Maitland. (*Ibid., pp.* 13, 14. *Copy* =1 *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The same to a Colonel of Lancashire foot. We know your judgment such as cannot but take notice that your safety is best secured when the war is furthest from you, and that it will be a very great difficulty if not an impossibility to defend yourselves if all your neighbours should be ruined. How great an opportunity is now offered to reduce and assure Yorkshire in the absence of the Marquis of Newcastle's forces you cannot but know, and how great your security will be if that shire be once in the Parliament's hands, to effect which we desire that your regiment do march forthwith into Yorkshire [to serve] under the command of Sir Thomas Fairfax for the reducing and settling thereof, which we doubt not your readiness to do, for that besides all other motives your own interest is so deeply concerned therein. *Underwritten,*

Note, that another letter of the same tenor and date was sent.

[*Ibid., p.* 14. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. We have sent you a quantity of butter and cheese in the "Hopeful Reformation," of London, Humfrey Blunt master. [*Ibid., Copy* $\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The same to Col. Purefoy. We have desired the Lord General to appoint the Earl of Denbigh to go with divers forces to the relief of Wem. If that place should be lost, the consequence thereof so much concerns your own and the kingdom's safety as we earnestly

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desire you and doubt not of your readiness to assist with two hundred horse who may carefully observe such directions as they shall receive from his Lordship, to whom we have written how this may best be not crossing the design for Gloucester. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a similar letter was sent to Colonel Barker for 300 *foot.* [*Ibid., p.* 15. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 8. Derby House. The same to Colonel Ridgley. We have desired the Lord General to appoint the Earl of Denbigh to go with divers forces to the relief of Wem. If that place should be lost, the consequence thereof so much concerns your own and the kingdom's safety as we earnestly desire you and doubt not of your readiness to assist with [those to be named] who may carefully observe such directions as they shall receive from his Lordship. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a similar letter was sent to the Committee at Stafford, with a clause to let them understand that the same is written to Col. Ridgley. The like to Cheshire. Also six letters to six captains of horse in Lancashire to be nominated by Sir Thomas Fairfax. Two letters to two colonels of foot in Lancashire to be nominated by Sir Thomas Fairfax, and another to Col. Dukenfeild for two companies of his foot and his horse. Another letter of the same to Lieut.-Col. Massie for two companies of Col. Booth's foot. Another to Major Croxton to assign one or two companies as may stand with the safety of the garrison at Nantwich. Another to Henry Mainwaring and his brother for their horse; Also six letters to captains of horse, sent to Lord Denbigh, to be forwarded to Sir Thomas Fairfax who is to nominate them. [*Ibid., pp.* 15, 16. *Copy.*=1 *p.*]

March 8. 8. The Committee for the safety of co. Surrey to the constables of Kingston and Elmbridge. You are to warn the inhabitants within the said hundreds who have any horses or mares fit for dragoons or troopers or any arms in their keeping to repair to this Committee sitting at the Crane at Kingston-on-Thames, and bring them to be listed with meet riders and the arms with able men to use them to be listed and to serve under the Sheriff Edmond Jordan, Esq., for defence of the Parliament, preservation of the peace of the county, and resistance to all unlawful plundering, incursion, and violence. If any of the constables or inhabitants shall refuse or neglect to obey this order on Tuesday the 12th instant they shall be reputed and taken as evil members to the State. [¾ *p.*]

March 8. 9. Copy of the same. [¾ *p.*]

March 9. 10. Additional Instructions by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament for John Earl of Rutland and the other Commissioners from the Parliament to the Convention of Estates of Scotland. You shall make known to our brethren of Scotland: That the several treaties concerning the Assistance desired from the kingdom

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of Scotland by the Parliament of England, and concerning the garrison of Berwick, are assented unto, confirmed and approved by both Houses in the manner and form they were subscribed by the Committees of both kingdoms and sent from them to both Houses, whereof you shall receive copies under the clerk's hands; and that Colonel Hume is approved of by both Houses to be Governor of Berwick *pro tempore*. You are also to declare to our brethren of Scotland: That the Parliament have settled a course for taking of the late Solemn League and Covenant throughout this kingdom and dominion of Wales. [*Printed in the Lords' Journals iv.*, 461. 12 *pp.*]

March 9. 11. Copy of the same; wrongly dated March 6. [12½ *pp.*]

March 9. 12. Note of the contents of some of the above Additional Instructions. [1 *p.*]

March 9. 13. [Despatch communicating the doings of the army under the Marquis of Newcastle to the King.] It is headed "A true relation of all the observable passages that have happened in these [northern] parts since my last to your Majesty; with the reason of the impossibility of making good the Tyne against the Scots." Sir Thos. Riddell sent about 50 musketeers from Tynemouth Castle to destroy some corn in the enemies' quarters, from whence they were drawn out, as he was informed; but it seems his intelligence betrayed them to the enemy and about 45 of them were taken prisoners, who being carried to Leslie [Earl of Leven] he sent them to me as a token, and I returned him thanks for his civility, with this answer, that I hoped very shortly to repay that debt with interest, which I did in a few days. The 19th of February 1643[–44] Sir Marmaduke Langdale fell upon their quarters at Corbridge in Northumberland, but the enemy having timely notice of his coming were drawn into the field. He thereupon sent troops to second those that first entered the town, who charged the enemy, but the enemy with their lancers forced them to retreat. He sent more, but the enemy charged them gallantly, but durst not pursue them because of our reserve. At last he rallied his forces, and taking about 200 foot with him forced the enemy to retreat. He routed them totally, and followed the chase 3 miles, killing above 200 and taking about 150 prisoners, besides divers officers slain, whereof one [was] named Captain Haddon. The prisoners [taken were] Major Agnio [Agnew] dangerously hurt, Archibald Magee [Mackie], Quartermaster, [Major John] Haddon's Cornet, Cornet Carr [Ker], grandchild to Lord Roxburgh. There were 15 of their troops of horse, whereof Leslie's [Earl of Leven's] lifeguard was one, and 3 troops of dragooners. Leslie's son [Major General, David Leslie] was their General, who is shot through the shoulder. There are two horse colours and a dragoon colour taken. The same morning Colonel Dudley from his quarters about Prudhoe marched over the river with some horse and dragoons and fell into a quarter of the enemy's in Northumberland, and slew and took all that was in it, 55 prisoners, and gave such an alarum to four of

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their quarters that they quitted them in disorder and with some loss; in which [skirmish] we should have suffered no loss at all had not Colonel Brandling been taken prisoner through the unfortunate fall of his horse; and Colonel Dudley perceiving a greater force preparing to assault him retreated, and in his retreat took 8 of the Scots prisoners both horses and men, but they took 4 of his dragoons whose horses were so weak they could not pass the river. After I had made true inquisition of the passes over the Tyne, I found there were so many fordable places between Newburn and Hexham, a distance of 12 miles, that it was impossible with my small number of foot to guard every place, but to hazard the loss of them at any one place and yet not do the work; so I resolved of two evils to choose the lesser and left them [the Scots] to their own wills: so they passed the river [Tyne] and after some days' quartering upon the high moors beyond the river Derwent so that I could by no means march to them, they marched thence over the Newbridge near Chester[-le-Street] to Sunderland, which pass our horses in respect of the inclosures could not hinder them from nor charge them. Upon Wednesday the 6th inst. at one o'clock afternoon our first troops passed Newbridge, and a while after the enemy appeared with some horse; when they advanced toward us with more than they first discovered, after some bullets had been exchanged and they appeared again in greater force, we backed our party with Lord Henry [Percy's] regiment,—Lieutenant Colonel Schrimsher [Scrimgeour] commanding them—being part of Colonel Dudley's brigade, with which he drew up after them, with whom also we sent, some musketeers; which caused the enemy that day to look upon us at a farther distance. We judged they were about 500 horse when they appeared most, yet they continued most of that day in our sight. Describes an unsuccessful attempt made by the English next day to cut off the Scots from Sunderland. Owing to the continual snow that fell, the strong positions held by the Scots, and their slowness to engage, the English thought best to retire to their quarters, which they did after a skirmish of cavalry. Describes their retreat. [*Copy preserved amongst the Conway Papers.* 4 *pp.*]

March 9. 14. Articles against Archbishop Laud by Richard Day of Mitcham, Surrey, gent. 1. That he had appropriated 4,000*l.*, to repairing Paul's or some other use, left by Mr. Smith towards the redeeming of impropriations to the use of the parochial ministry. 2. That he has surreptitiously taken all his chief means of collecting money for repairing Paul's from the particular ways suggested by Day to certain committees at the Council Board for redeeming impropriations to the church. 3. That he did most enviously, impiously, and maliciously hinder the King's satisfactory proceeding in redeeming impropriations to the church, for which he stands excommunicate by one of the exhortations before the Communion in the book of Common Prayer, which prohibiteth any hinderer of the Word of God to participate of the holy mysteries of the Blessed Saviour. 4. That he perjured himself, swearing falsely the only cause why he did not further the King's proceeding in Day's pro-

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position for redemption of impropriations was that it was not feasible; though Sir Robert Heath, then Attorney General, declared and proved that it was feasible. The very reading of the proposition excludeth all possibility of swearing against it as the Archbishop did. But complainant is assured in his conscience that the Archbishop is of that dispensing and equivocating religion that giveth him leave to swear or do anything whatsoever for the advancement of the Antichristian kingdom. 5. That he is a favourer and defender of Papists, Day having seen a Seminary Priest in layman's habit in the Archbishop's great chamber at Lambeth without any keeper or any to watch him. 6. That having procured the dissolution of the last Parliament, which would not grant subsidies to renew the war with Scotland, he tried to raise money by extracting from Day information as to a money matter concerning which Day had formerly written to him in general terms. P.S.—Day desires the Archbishop's answer to Art. 4 may only be received in writing, that a just and brief reply may be made thereto; for the Archbishop will protest and swear most falsely in things contrary to his own knowledge. [2 *pp.*]

March 9. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. The draft of the letter to his Majesty read and approved of. 2. That the paper given in by the Scottish Commissioners, the 5th inst., and the draft of the letter [to his Majesty] be communicated to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir H. Vane respectively if it shall please the Houses to call for the same. The Committee to meet again at 3 o'clock. 3. This Committee considers 300*l.* a week necessary for incidental charges of intelligence, &c., for the present. 4. That 200*l.* a week be desired to be supplied for the purpose aforesaid from the Committee of the Revenue. 5. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to speak to the Committee to see if they can furnish the whole 300*l.* weekly, and to draw up an ordinance accordingly. 6. That the sum proposed by this Committee to be borrowed, under order of the Commons of the 4th present, is 300,000*l.* That Lord Wharton, Mr. Pierpont, and others do agree upon and present the names of such as they shall think fit to use the credit of for procuring the sums of money aforesaid. 7. That Sir H. Vane do go from this Committee to the Committee of the Navy to be informed what moneys are to be rested on for payment of the ships that are to come in on 25th March 1644, and to set out others. 8. That the business of the Swedish Agent be taken into consideration on Monday next. 9. That Lord Warristone, Mr. Solicitor [St. John], and Mr. Recorder [Glynn], or any one of them, be desired to draw up a declaration upon the three letters according to the order of 6th March. 10. That the Secretary go to Mr. [John] Browne, Clerk of the Lords' House, for two copies of the instruction and of the other papers and orders

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of both Houses concerning the business passed in the Lords' upon the report of Lord Wharton, to be brought to the Committee of both kingdoms on Monday. 11. To write to Col. Cromwell informing him what forces are gone out toward Hants, that he may make a strong diversion towards Aynho or where he shall think fit that way. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 17, 18.]

March 9. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir John Gell. We have received your letter containing your desire to have some forces from Warwickshire, Northampton, or Leicester sent to you for the taking in of some garrisons in your country, concerning which forces they are all at present employed in other service, which we hope will not last long, but if you will inform us of the places of garrison you mean, of their force, and what force you think to be necessary for that service, we shall take it into further consideration. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 16. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 11. 15. The Committee for Safety in Essex to Lieutenant-Colonel Birkhead. This day, Mr. Leigh or Lee, vicar of Walthamstow, being appointed by the Deputy Lieutenants and Committees for this county according to an Ordinance of Parliament to preach before the Deputy Lieutenants, Committees, clergy, high constables, churchwardens, and other officers that then were to appear at Romford, before the taking of the Solemn League and Covenant, which he performed with so much zeal, learning, and great encouragement to the people then assembled, that it was thought fit by the Deputy Lieutenants and Committees in gratification of his great pains to present him with a piece of plate value 5*l.* These are therefore to desire Lieut.-Col. Birkhead to buy the plate and present it to Mr. Leigh, out of the treasure remaining in his hand. *Underwritten,*

15. I. *Acknowledgment by Rev. Richard Lee that on the 3rd April 1644 he received the said piece of plate value 5l. of Lieut.-Col. Birkhead.* [1 *p.*]

March 11. 16. Order of the Committee for the Navy appointed by Parliament to Sir Henry Vane, junr., Treasurer of the Navy. That Sir Henry do imprest upon account to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 1,000*l.* to be paid to John Browne for provisions of ordnance and shot to be delivered into the Office of Ordnance for the use of his Majesty's ships serving in this next summer's expedition, whose receipt with this order shall be sufficient discharge to Sir Henry Vane. P.S.—This money to be paid out of the 8,000*l.* advanced by the Levant Company. *Subjoined,*

16. I. *Receipt by Sir Walter Erle for* 1,000*l. received of Sir Henry Vane according to the above order,* 12 *March* 1643–44. [1⅓ *pp.*]

March 11. Vienna. Sir Griffin Markham to Wm. Marquis of Newcastle. Your wars of England fill the ears of all the world, and amongst the rest your Lordship has not the least share. I am sorry that my old age and hurts disable me so much that I cannot come to serve in a war so

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just, against those rebellious subjects who do not deserve so good a King, and this is not only my opinion but the opinion of the whole world. I am sorry to hear that [the Earl of] Essex will inherit his father's fortune [*i.e.*, be attainted]; also for the death of my nephew, whom I hoped to have called hither to comfort me in my old age. We are all bound by the laws, both human and divine, to be faithful to the Crown. I hear that there are many Irish [gone] to serve the King. If Col. Preston come to command any of them, I beseech you take him into consideration. If the Duke of Niborg [Count Palatine of Neuburg] had gone forward with a levy as he pretended, he had called me to command, when Col. Preston would have been my second and commanded both horse and foot. Services rendered by Preston in the wars of Germany and Flanders. If you will procure that he may come into England, I beseech you set him against Leslie, and trust me that Leslie will neither in skill, judgment, nor valour overmatch him, for he hath been bred always in a better disciplined war than either Poland or Sweden, for he has been Captain in Flanders both of horse and foot. [*Extract. In German Correspondence.*]

March 11. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Maitland and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., and Messrs. Pierpont, Solicitor [St. John], Recorder [Glynn], and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Bryan Stapleton and Mr. Alleyn be desired to prepare themselves to speed away to the Scottish army with the instructions that are this day passed the House of [Commons]. 2. That copies of this order be sent to each of them. 3. That two copies of these instructions be sent to the Scottish army, one by Messrs. Stapleten and Alleyn, the other by Wm. Bond. The instructions to be sent to Mr. Bond this night. 4. That the Committee at Goldsmith's Hall be desired to meet to-morrow for expediting [the dispatch of] victuals for the Scottish army. 5. That the business of the Irish Committee be deferred till Wednesday next. 6. That Mr. Frost shall desire certain merchants to attend this Committee on Wednesday next. 7. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] from this Committee by the Solicitor [General St. John] to take into consideration the reversing of those ordinances forbidding trade to Newcastle. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 18.]

March 12. Vienna. Sir Griffin Markham to his sister Mary Markham. Since I heard of the death of [my nephew] Griffin I have had no desire to renew your memory. I procured as many masses for him as I could, but his age and breeding were such as he needed them not. I hear that the unworthy Crawford is both hurt and disgraced, those that are so interested and unthankful can never expect good ends, yet if I live awhile I hope to be able to do something for you and the rest of my poor friends. If I can make a good end here shortly I will come to end my days in Flanders to be so much nearer to England to hear the news, and by that time I hope the King will triumph over those

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base rebels. I have heard that the Earl of Rutland and another are intrusted by the Parliamentarians to keep the Great Seal of England which they have made; I doubt not but Rutland will do anything to keep himself afoot, his nature goeth more that way than the right way. [½ *p. In German Correspondence.*]

March 12. 17. Resolutions of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled at Oxford. That as many of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Westminster as have at any time voted or consented to the raising of forces under the command of the Earl of Essex, or have been aiding or abetting thereunto, have levied and made war against the King, and are therein guilty of high treason. That as many of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Westminster as have at any time voted or consented to the making and using of a new Great Seal, which hath accordingly been made and used, have thereby counterfeited the King's Great Seal and committed high treason. That as many of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Westminster as have voted or consented or have been abetting or assisting to the present coming in of the Scots into England in a warlike manner have therein committed high treason. That as many of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Westminster as have committed the crimes mentioned in the three former votes have therein broken the trust in them reposed by their country, and ought to be proceeded against as traitors to the King. That the uttermost endeavours and offers of peace and treaty made by his Majesty by the advice of the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at Oxford have been refused and rejected by the Lords and Commons of Parliament remaining at Westminster. [*Draft, with various suggested alterations; found amongst the Conway Papers.* 1 *p.*]

March 12. 18. Examination of John Bartlett, of St. Faith's parish, London, stationer. About December 1637 he was apprehended and brought before Sir John Lambe to Doctors Commons, and accused of having given Nathaniel Wickins, Mr. Prynne's servant, certain of Dr. Bastwick's and Mr. Burton's writings to be copied; which he denied, but confessed he had put to writing to one John Willett, then prisoner in the Counter, certain passages of the proceedings in Scotland to copy out, which he then delivered to Sir John Lambe, whereupon he was committed to the custody of a messenger till he had taken the oath ex officio. Being a bookseller in Cheapside, where he had kept shop about 16 years, Mr. Bartlett was, in 1637, by an order of the Council subscribed by Archbishop [Laud] directed to the then Lord Mayor [Sir Edward] Bromfield, warned to shut up his shop and depart his house; and soon after he had his shop violently shut up and was imprisoned in the Compter in Woodstreet for 3 months till he had entered into bond of 100*l.* not to use his trade in Cheapside, and to quit his house within 6 months, and let it to none but a goldsmith, to his damage of 600*l.* Soon after he was brought before the Council by warrant from the Archbishop

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and sent to the Fleet, where he remained 6 months a prisoner without any cause shewed. [*Endorsed :* "Article 3." 1 *p.*]

March 13. 19. Proclamation, dated 25 March 1610, prohibiting the uttering of Dr. [John] Cowell's book "The Interpreter" [published in 1607] "and requiring all who have copies thereof to bring them in. *Endorsed:* "Proclamation calling in Cowell's book; lecta 13 March 1643–44." [*This would appear from the endorsement to be the identical copy of the Proclamation produced and read in evidence at the trial of Archbishop Laud, before the Lords, on the 13th of March* 1643–44. *See Lords' Journals vi.,* 648. *Another copy of this is calendared in James I. under its proper date. Broadside.*]

March 13. 20. Order of the Commons' House. That Mr. Speaker shall have liberty to grant warrants for apprehending and detaining such persons as are accountable to the State for money or goods received, and as shall be suspected by the Committee for Accompts to go away to avoid their accounting; and that the Treasurers at Haberdashers' Hall shall pay to the Treasurers at Guildhall for the use of the said Committee upon account 200*l.* to be employed for the better carrying out of that work. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii.,* 426. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 13. Derby House. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder and Pierpoint, Wallop, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letters now read for Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour be signed and dispatched. 2. The letters to the Committee of the Parliament of England residing with the Scottish army read and approved of. 3. That the copy of the instructions for Mr. [Walter] Strickland be sent to the Committee of both kingdoms resident with the Scottish army. 4. That the business concerning the Governor of Plymouth be taken into consideration to-morrow. 5. That the business about the Irish Committee at Grocers' Hall be taken into consideration to-morrow at 5 p.m. 6. That it be demanded of the merchants now attending without what expedient they can propose to this Committee to open the trade into the Sound and to ease the imposition now upon the trade. 7. That Mr. Recorder [of London] do inform the House [of Commons] to-morrow of the necessity this Committee has of money for messengers, &c., and to desire that the House will command the Committee of the Revenue to furnish 200*l.* till a further course be settled for money for incident charges for this Committee. 8. That Mr. Bond shall have 20*l.* for his journey to the north out of the money to be received from the Committee of Revenue. 9. That the business of Tong Castle [Salop] be first taken into consideration to-morrow and then that of Lancashire. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 19.]

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March 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. We understand by letters from Sir Wm. Balfour that he has been three or four days at Petersfield in expectation of your joining with him in prosecution of the design resolved upon by this Committee. And we hear that you are not yet with your forces, nor any of them yet joined with Sir Wm. Balfour according to your intentions and our resolutions. We most earnestly desire that you with your forces will immediately join with Sir Wm. Balfour, fearing that there is some opportunity already lost, as we hear that Prince Maurice is ready to join with Lord Hopton and the country summoned to come in to join with them, also Wareham and Poole in danger to be lost. And because we look upon this business as that which very much concerns the public, and are confident that you and Sir Wm. Balfour before your departure from this town agreed upon all particulars for carrying on of this business as well in point of command as otherwise, we therefore earnestly desire you that no accident whatsoever may alter or interrupt those resolutions, the like whereof we have written to Sir Wm. Balfour. Signed by Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 16, 17. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 13. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Balfour. We understand that you are upon the place in prosecution of the design resolved on by this Committee in expectation of the joining of Sir Wm. Waller's forces with you. We likewise hear of divers particular good services done by you since your going out which the Committee give you thanks for. And knowing very well how great disadvantage it may be to lose the opportunity of your design we have written to Sir Wm. Waller to get his forces ready with all speed and join with you in pursuance of that design according to the resolutions of the Committee. And because we look upon this business as that which very much concerns the public, and are confident that you and Sir Wm. Waller before your departure from this town agreed upon all particulars for carrying on of this business as well in point of command as otherwise, we therefore earnestly desire you that no accident whatsoever may alter or interrupt those resolutions (the like whereof we have written to Sir Wm. Waller), and we are the more confident that you will be very careful herein knowing that all your aims are so public that nothing can alter you therein. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 17. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 13. Derby House. The same to the Commissioners resident in the Scottish army. The Parliament having passed the inclosed instructions, and returned their answer to the paper of the Scots' Commissioners concerning supply of the Scottish armies in England and Ireland, the particulars whereof we send you herewith, it was thought fit by this Committee to dispatch the bearer Wm. Bond expressly to you intending to send doubles of all these particulars by Mr. Bryan Stapleton and Mr. Fras. Allen, whom we have also desired with all speed to repair to you being of your number for your further assistance in the public service. We shall refer the other matters of

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occurrences from hence to this bearer, whom also we have thought fit to recommend to you to be employed about the excise or otherwise as you shall see cause from what is intrusted to your care by the instructions now sent you. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 18. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 14. 21. Petition of Michael Molyns to the King. Petitioner has suffered in his houses and lands at Clapcot, Berks, to the value of 3,000*l.* at least, by reason of Wallingford garrison, for which his Majesty promised satisfaction in lands in his forest of Shotover, Oxfordshire. Prays warrant to the Lord Treasurer for perfecting the exchange. [*Copy.* ⅔ *p.*] *Subjoined,*

21. I. *Reference of the above petition to the Lord High Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to certify their opinions of what is fit for his Majesty to do. At the Court at Oxford,* 14 *March* 1643[-44]. [*Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

21. II. *Petition of Michael Molyns to the King. Difficulty is found upon his Majesty's above reference, some writings for clearing title remaining in London in the offices of Chancery. He has been damaged* 1,500*l. since his first petition. Prays a commission or reference whereupon his losses may be estimated and part of Shotover set forth in recompense, by the grant whereof afterwards he may receive the hoped for benefit.* [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

21. III. *Reference of the above petition to Col. Blagge, Governor of Wallingford, who is to take two or three others with him and certify the extent of petitioner's damages. At the Court at Oxford, December* 4, 1644. [*Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

21. IV. *Certificate of Col. Thos. Blagge, John Smyth Mayor of Wallingford, and three others. That upon the view of carpenters, masons, farmers, and others we find petitioner's damages amount to* 4,026*l.* 10 *December* 1644. [*Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

21. V. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer. To certify how his Majesty may with justice satisfy petitioner in the way proposed. At the Court at Oxford, February* 21, 1644[-45]. [*Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

21. VI. *Note of the state of the case of Michael Molyns, Esq., as it now stands. Giving a brief abstract of the proceedings between* 1643 *and* 1646, *including all the above papers, and following entries. Mr. Molyns petitions his late Majesty and recites all the former petitions, references and certificates, and prays that about* 401 *acres of Shotover Forest might be passed to him and his heirs, and names the parcels and the value which comes not to* 20 *years' purchase,* 1646. *His late Majesty by Sir Edward Nicholas recommends it to the Lord Treasurer to cause a value to be taken of the lands with their condition, &c., and how he conceives his Majesty may satisfy*

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petitioner's desire either then or when it shall be disafforested or otherwise. 14 *April* 1646. [*Copy.* 1 *p. These papers were evidently drawn out in* 1661, *but have been placed here as having reference to the time of Charles I. and the Civil War. They are endorsed by Nicholas as "Received* 5 *Dec.* 1661, *Mr. Mich. Molyns' account certified to be in all* 4,000*l., for which he desires a Privy Seal."*]

March 14. Order of Edward Earl of Manchester for settling the parsonage and vicarage of Gedney, co. Lincoln. Mr. William Howe, minister of Gedney, having attended the Assembly of Divines by my direction, and they having made trial of his abilities and sufficiency find him to be every way well qualified for the ministry, I therefore according to Ordinance of Parliament, and upon the humble request of the parishioners of Gedney [*In margin:* "Sequestered from Dr., "Weemes"] do authorise and appoint Wm. Howe to officiate and exercise the office of a minister, and to preach and catechise there. He is likewise authorised by this warrant to take into his possession the parsonage houses, glebe lands, and vicarage there, with all tithes, profits, and rents belonging to the same, for which he is to be assisted by all officers and constables in the county of Lincoln. [*Committee for Plundered Ministers. Order Book F, No.* 1, *p.* 350. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 14. 22. The Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom, sitting at the house late of Alderman Freeman at Cornhill, to Martyn Dallison, requiring a certificate under his hand of all sums assessed and paid for the 20th and 5th parts of the estates of persons in London by the Committee of Parliament [for advance of moneys] sitting at Haberdashers Hall, from October 1642 till June 1643, together with the names of the assessors in every parish and division, which certificate is necessary for the examination of the Treasurer's accounts at Guildhall. [*Damaged by damp.* 1 *p.*].

March 14. Coventry. 23. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have sent your Lordships' letters to Sir Thomas Fairfax and the other commanders from whom I am to have assistance, and have desired their forces may be in readiness against a general rendezvous, which had been very sudden but that the design of [relieving] Gloucester will not spare me all the forces assigned unto me, and that I am in a way of raising some speedy levies of horse and foot the better to carry on the work, and to give a safer passage to a considerable proportion of ammunition I am to carry with me, which those parts stand in great need of, and which will require some considerable convoy. Within 14 days I hope to be ready to march, but if the necessities of Wem and those parts shall exact a quicker despatch I shall govern myself according to the opportunities that shall be offered and the information I shall receive from thence. Prince Rupert is said to be gone for Wales to raise great forces, which he is likely to do if not timely prevented; and therefore well hath it become your wisdom to provide a remedy

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to his growth which by the grace of God shall be applied with all convenient speed. I will not take upon me to deliver anything to your Lordships concerning Gloucester, in regard that charge is imposed upon a commander of great worth and abilities who can best give an account of that business, only it is the opinion of the best soldiers here that if greater diversions be not attempted than have yet been made and a party set forth of horse and dragoons strong enough to fall into Gloucestershire if occasion require, the enemy will not remove from their places of advantage there which cut off all passages from our convoy, nor leave off recruiting their forces which every day will grow greater by our delays; our design will remain unattempted in the same condition it now stands, and Gloucester in the end will fall into some inconvenience and hazard. [*Endorsed:* "Read March 16, 1643[–44]." 3 *pp.*]

March 14. 24. Petition of Robert Curtis, master of the barque "Porpoise" of Hythe, Kent, to Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord High Admiral. Petitioner upon notice from the mayor and town clerk of Hythe and the mayor of Folkestone that the coasts of Sunderland were free for trade, did with license from the customer and comptroller of Hythe set forth with his vessel for Sunderland; but on February 25th last the vessel and lading were seized by Captain Browne in the "Sampson," pretending they were for the aid of the enemy, and he still detains them. Petitioner prays order to Captain Browne to restore the vessel and lading, he being ready to make oath they were not intended for relief of the enemy. *Underwritten,*

24. I. *I refer this to the Judge of the Admiralty, whom I desire to determine the matters contained in this petition in an ordinary way of proceeding in the Admiralty. Earl of Warwick, March* 14, 1643[–44].

24. II. *I was with the Judge of the Admiralty in behalf of this poor man, whose good affection to the Parliament I can avow, and the Judge did advise to repair to the Committee of the Navy for relief* 22 *March* 1643[–44]. [*p.* 1.]

March 14. 25. Notes by William Ryley, Bluemantle, for the funeral of Mary Countess of Kent, who died March 9, 1643–44. Fees for banners to be provided, the Latin inscription to be put on the coffin, the order of the funeral procession, &c. [1 *p.*]

March 14. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Phillip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That letters be written to the Committee of Stafford and to the Earl of Denbigh to give all possible assistance to Tong Castle and the town of Wem in Salop. 2. That the Lord General be desired to write another letter to Commissary General Behre, requesting him when the business of Gloucester was done to contribute his best endeavours for the relief of Tong Castle and the town of Wem. 3. That the desire of this Committee be reported

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to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Recorder, that order may be given to the Committee of the Revenue for the payment of 3,000*l.* due to the garrison of Aylesbury, and that the money may be speedily paid. 4. To desire the gentlemen of Gloucestershire to be here to-morrow. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 20.]

March 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Browne. Some of the Committee of the Militia attended us to-day to desire that the City forces, both horse and foot, under your command might return home within 14 days at the furthest. We should most willingly concur with their desires to your satisfaction, but that Sir Wm. Waller has a design in hand wherein your assistance will be necessary which we hope also may be at an end within that time. But in case that should require further time for the effecting thereof, we believe you so tender both of your own honour and of the public safety that you will not for a few days longer tarrying leave the design imperfect, which we forbear to urge you to by any further argument because the experiences we have had of you gives us assurance of your willing concurrence herein. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 18, 19. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 14. Derby House. The same to Basil Lord Denbigh. We formerly wrote you of the necessities of Shropshire and particularly of the town of Wem, and then gave you a list of the forces you should command in that expedition. We have daily further information of their increasing dangers and of the present danger of Tong Castle. We therefore desire that you will make all possible speed to their relief with all the force you can, so far as may not hinder the business of Gloucester. We have also written to the Committee at Coventry and Stafford to give all possible and speedy relief. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 19. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 14. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We have intelligence of the danger that Tong Castle is in and that the garrison of Longford will go away if that place miscarry. We desire you speedily to assist them with all the force you can possibly make to serve under the Earl of Denbigh in your county not hindering the design for Gloucester or not unfurnishing your garrison from necessary forces. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a similar letter was sent to the Committee at Stafford, but without the clause "not hindering, &c." [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*].

March 15. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to Richard Foley the several sums of 588*l.* 6*s.* 11*d.* and 250*l.*, the former for divers quantities of bullets, iron, timber, and other emptions delivered for our service, and the latter for 5,000 pike-heads to be delivered into our stores, at the rate of 5*l.* the hundred as agreed upon. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *pp.* 25, 26. *Copy.* 1¼ *pp.*]

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March 15. Oxford. 26. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [Patrick Ruthven Earl of Forth] Lord General of the King's forces. I have acquainted his Majesty with what your Excellency and Lord Hopton have written, who commanded me to advertise you that by his appointment the regiments of horse of Colonel Thos. Howard and Lord Percy are now at Farringdon in Berkshire, ready to attend your commands; they are conceived to be near 500 horse effective. If any of the horse commanded to attend your Excellency at Newbury have failed to obey their orders, upon notice from you what regiments or troops they are, his Majesty will forthwith take a strict course to hasten them to you to such place as you shall appoint. It seems by letters from Lord Wilmot and Sir Wm. Vavasour that the convoy is retired back, and that there appears not at present any forces of the rebels in the parts where they are; whereupon his Majesty hath given order to Lord Wilmot to send two strong regiments of horse to lie at Chipping Norton and thereabouts to secure those parts [from] the horse and dragoons of the rebels who have lately plundered some villages thereabouts, taking advantage of our horse being absent upon other employment. There is a messenger come from the Marquis of Newcastle who says his lordship is in a very good condition, he has had several encounters with parties of the Scots, and ever had the better of them; they are gotten to Sunderland, but his Majesty's forces lie now almost round them. The rebels assaulted Newark in several places, but were repulsed with loss of above 500 dead on the place, besides some of their ordnance, particularly the great brass piece they took at Hull from my Lord of Newcastle, which being dismounted they could not carry off. God bless your noble enterprises with prosperous success. [2 *pp.*]

March 15. 27. Lawrence Squibb to Mr. Auditor Phillips. Pray deliver to this bearer the particular for houses in Shrewsbury for which I lately sent you a warrant. I have sent your fee by bearer, and desire you not to fail as it concerns a friend of mine, and requires haste. [½ *p.*]

March 15. Vienna. Sir Griffin Markham to Colonel Preston in England. When Don Francesco di Melos went from these parts to govern the Low Countries I recommended you and my nephew John Smith to him, and he bid me write to you both, and he would do what was in his power to favour you, but you took the better part to assist your country. Now I hear that the King [of England] will have many of your countrymen to encounter the Scottish rebels, and I have written to the Marquis of Newcastle to procure that you may be recalled to England and to set you against the great Leslie, and have assured him that Leslie neither in valour nor judgment of war shall have any advantage of you, and wish that may be so, for I desire your honour much out of my old true affection. If you come thither assist my friends and kinsfolk with your good advice. Your countrymen here have done good service, but find the same requital

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that I have found, and wish themselves in their country. [*Impressed seal with crest.* 1 *p. In German Correspondence.*]

March 15. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Essex and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop, Pierpont, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter now read be sent to Cols. Purefoy, Bosvile, Farrar, and Major Bridges. 2. That letters be written to the Earl of Manchester and Col. Cromwell or the officer commanding that brigade in chief. 3. That those forces be not withdrawn, with the reasons for it which were now debated. 4. That Mr. Pierpont do signify the desire of this Committee to Mr. Knightley to speed the payment of the sum assigned by the Commons' Ordinance for the Scottish Reformado officers. 5. That Monday next be appointed for the business of the Committee for Irish Affairs at Grocers' Hall. 6. That the further debate concerning a real diversion to be made by the Earl of Manchester's forces be taken into consideration to-morrow. 7. That it be recommended to the Commons' House as the desire of this Committee by Mr. Recorder, that they take into consideration the enabling of the Lord General's army speedily to move. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 20, 21.]

March 15. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Colonels Purefoy, Bosvile, Farrar, and Major Bridges. We desire you forthwith to take an exact account of the money, ammunition, and arms that were brought by Col. Farrar and are now at Warwick, for the service of the garrison at Gloucester, and how many men are there under Col. Farrar that came with the convoy and are to serve at Gloucester. We earnestly entreat you to send speedily duplicates to us of the said accounts by several messengers lest one of them should miscarry. Signed by Robt. Earl of Warwick and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 20. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 16. Gravelines. 28. Henry Bardou to William Marquis of Newcastle, at Newcastle. Has been prevented from keeping his promise to return in six weeks. Was nearly assassinated by some at the Exchange at Amsterdam for supporting the King's cause; they follow him everywhere, but the late victory over the Scots may have brought them to their senses. Is sorry to have been absent from his lordship on such an occasion, and so is Mons. Ogle. Intends to be quickly with his lordship to acquit himself of the commission received from the Queen. [*Endorsed:* "This contains 10 letters from foreign parts." *Seal with arms broken. French.* 2 *pp.*]

March 16. Calais. 29. Lieutenant-Colonel John Ogle to the same. Intends to requite his delay in returning, having been retarded by staying for passes from the Prince of Orange, Francesco di Melos, and the French King, by bringing his lordship 600*l.* or 700*l.* worth of arms, for which he has already taken order at Dunkirk. Though Flanders is very forward for the King, Holland is no less ready to

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assist the Parliament with hand and voice, and your Royalists there are like the true people of the Lord, a very little flock, and I hope to see the others receive their portion according to their number. [*Endorsed:* "This is a priest as I hear, a lieutenant-colonel of the Marquis of Newcastle, and a great engineer, he is lieutenant-colonel to my Lord Widdrington." *Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

March 16. Calais. 30. The same to Mr. Rolleston, secretary to the Marquis of Newcastle, at Newcastle or elsewhere in the north. Will be at Paris within five or six days, and home the middle of next month. Meantime he is sending over a ship with arms. Hopes to see a day of greater slaughter than the late victory over the Scots. [*Seal with arms broken.* 1 *p.*]

March 16. Calais. 31. The same to Wm. Lord Widdrington. To the same effect as above. Is come to Calais from Brussels by reason of the danger of the other way, the French and Spanish armies advancing towards the frontiers, and having generally but small compassion upon all sorts of travellers. [*Seal with arms.* 1½ *pp.*]

March 16. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lord General Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Mr. Solicitor and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be recommended by Mr. Recorder [Glynn] to the Committee of the Revenue to hasten away the 1,000*l.* that is remaining to be sent to the London forces with Col. Browne, which if not paid before Monday then to recommend the business to the House. 2. That Mr. Cordell shall send a messenger to his brother to attend this Committee on Monday next, also to send up all the gunpowder already made, at which time Sir Walter Erle also to attend. 3. That the debate about the diversion to be made by the Earl of Manchester's forces be taken into consideration on Monday next. 4. The order of the House of Commons about moving of the Lord General's army to be considered on Monday next. 5. The business of Lancashire propounded by Mr. Ashurst to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. 6. The relation of the business of Derbyshire presented in writing to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 21.]

March 16. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have read your's to his Excellency signifying your desire to withdraw your forces some few miles back in respect of the ill quarters they had been in. We would very willingly you should find good quarters for them to continue their strength for this summer's action, and doubt not but you may thereabouts find better quarters. But as the affairs now stand it will be a great prejudice to them if your forces shall retire, for Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour are upon a design in expectation of a diversion to be made by those forces which, if they should now retire, would bring upon them in the West a greater number than they, perhaps, would be able to deal with. We therefore desire that you will so dispose of your

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quarters as that you may either join with Com.-Gen. Behre if that by them shall be thought fit, or otherwise to make the best advantage you can of those forces for a real diversion in such a way as shall seem best to their judgment that have the command upon the place. And we doubt not but in those parts you may find good quarters whereby the forces may continue their strength for future service; and in the meantime we desire that you will hasten the recruits of the rest of your forces that you may be ready as speedily as you can to take the field with your whole strength. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 20, 21. *Copy*=¾ *p.*]

March 16. Note, that two letters were sent to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army concerning victuals sent by two ships, one called the "Blessing of Kirkcaldy," Capt. John Keirffe master, and the other the "Dorcas," of London, Wm. Iles master. [*Ibid., p.* 21. =¼ *p.*]

March 17. Oxford. 32. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [Patrick Ruthven Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army]. The money for pay of the 500 foot which came to our Excellency from Reading, was on my word sent hence yesterday afternoon, and will, I doubt not, be with your Excellency this night at furthest. Sir Thos. Aston's regiment was none of those appointed to attend you, it being now in Dorsetshire, near Wareham, whither it was sent about three weeks since. Col. Croker's regiment we hear nothing of; it was commanded to come to Dorchester in Oxfordshire, but what is become of it we shall not know till Lord Wilmot come, which I believe will be to-morrow night, his Lordship being commanded to send his horse to their old quarters, all saving those which were in Wilts, which are now to be quartered in Gloucestershire, to be ready to assist Sir Wm. Vavasour if the convoy, which is now retired back between Warwick and Coventry, shall advance towards Gloucester. Lord Jermyn will hasten away to your Excellency the officers in chief belonging to the Queen's regiment, with all speed. Smith, the Provost-Marshal General, is here committed close prisoner by the Lords and Commons assembled here, and I have endeavoured to get a deputy Provost-Marshal to be sent you, but there is here none fit to be trusted or employed; and therefore his Majesty would have you appoint one there with you. There is no hangman here, insomuch that the last person executed here was hanged by one of his fellows. His Majesty is extremely well satisfied that your Excellency and Lord Hopton have with so much prudence disposed of your affairs there which he hopes will succeed accordingly. The King has written twice or thrice to Prince Maurice to advance eastward, but we hear nothing of it from him as yet. Your Excellency's letters are all delivered safely, and all your commands shall be carefully obeyed. [2 *pp.*]

March 18. Coventry. 33. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of Safety for both kingdoms. This morning intelligence is come that several forces from Bridgnorth and other parts of Shropshire and the trained bands of that country were seen within a mile upon one side of

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Tamworth, and General Hastings with the forces which the other day faced Leicester is drawing near to surround that place on all sides. I am sorry the enemy by their proceedings have added so many reasons and grounds of my former intimations and desires, which I submitted to you, that a considerable party might make a more powerful diversion and be strong enough if occasion required to fall into Gloucestershire, for now the question is not only of putting a supply into Gloucester, but of the preservation of this county and association, Tamworth being the line of communication betwixt Warwick and Stafford; and my march into Shropshire with those forces allotted to me out of this county being impossible to put in execution, according to your commands, till I be enabled by a sufficient strength to make my passage through these forces, which will probably attempt my interception. And if I should move with the whole force of this county and Commissary-General Behre's horse, which, with mine, will be little enough to prevent the enemy from any design here, we shall lie open to the Earl of Forth's forces in Gloucestershire and be sure to have them in our rear unless you take care to entertain them where they now are. I shall humbly beseech you to have a care of these parts and to reflect something upon my honour which is so far engaged, that, after so many distractions and impediments purposely cast in to hinder me from raising forces and putting myself into a posture of serving the Parliament, I should now in the beginning of action find myself reduced to these straits, and at my very entrance into employment exposed to so much hazard and disgrace. I fear Tamworth is in some want of powder and ammunition. Some say Prince Robert [Rupert] is with these forces, others that he is at Chester. No care shall be wanting in the execution of my charge. P.S.—Intelligence is now brought that the enemy is set down before Tamworth. [*Endorsed:* "Received and read March 19." 3 *pp.*]

March 18. Cambridge. 34. Order of the Committee for the Association, co. Cambridge, that Mr. Gawsell and Mr. Leman, treasurers, shall receive and take the accounts of all high collectors and others within the Association who have or shall receive and pay any money falling within the receipt of the Association; and shall also charge on their own accounts the money so received by the said high collectors and others, and discharge themselves therefrom by the several payments made by such high collectors or others, whose certificates or this Committee's allowance of the said accounts shall be the treasurers' discharge. [1 *p.*]

March 18. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Henry Vane, junr., Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Wallop, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Cordall shall send up to the Tower all the gunpowder so soon as made, and shall not have at his mills [in Surrey] above 7 tons of saltpetre at any time. 2. That some Officers of Ordnance attend

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to-morrow, with an account of the ammunition in store. 3. That the furnishing of a magazine at Hull for the northern parts be considered to-morrow. 4. That the business concerning Ireland offered by the Committee at Grocers' Hall be taken up on Wednesday, when Sir John Clotworthy and others of the Commons on that Committee are desired to be present. 5. That a letter, inclosing a bill of lading of the provisions sent, be written to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. 6. That the Committee be all desired to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock. 7. That the gentlemen from Bucks. be desired to be at the Committee of the Revenue to-morrow at 2 p.m., concerning the money to be paid for Aylesbury. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 22.]

March 19. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament concerning currants. By Ordinance of Parliament, dated 26 Aug. 1642, the importation of dried currants was absolutely prohibited, but since the making of that Ordinance the enemy is possessed of divers havens and port-towns where currants are daily imported, thus rendering the prohibition nugatory. The Parliament therefore now ordain that from the 12th February last it shall be lawful for all merchants of the Levant Company to import in English bottoms currants, being the growth of Zante and Cephalonia, into the port of London, or any port being within the power of the Parliament, for the space of 12 months next after the publication of this Ordinance, from any port beyond sea, paying 6*s.* per cent. for every cwt. over and above the customs and excise due for the same. The Commissioners of the Customs are hereby required to take entries for the same and to receive the said impost of 6*s.* per cwt., which they are to pay over to Nathaniel Stephens, Thos. Hodges, and Thos. Pury, M.P.s, for the use of the garrison of Gloucester upon account, taking their receipt for the money. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 474. *Levant Company, vol. i., No.* 101. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

March 19. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and R. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] be desired to appoint another packet boat for conveyance of letters between here and the Scottish army. 2. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour, informing them that [Patrick Ruthven] Earl of Forth is still about Sudeley Castle [co. Gloucester]. 3. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do report to the House of Commons about payment of that part of Sir W. Waller's army which does not belong to the Association, and Sir Wm. to be informed that care is taken about supply of money. 4. That the business of the north and of Gloucester be first taken into consideration this afternoon. 5. That the letters from the Scottish army to this Committee be

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communicated to the House [of Commons]. 6. That a sub-committee be named to prepare business for the afternoon [members named]. In the afternoon the Committee met again, when some of the members above named did not attend. Ordered, That duplicates of the former letters sent to Sir Thos. Fairfax, of 8 March, concerning his march into Yorkshire, be sent to him again by special messenger, with a renewal of the desire to put them in execution. 7. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to write to Commissary-General Behre to give such relief to Tamworth as may stand with the business of Gloucester. 8. That the letter now presented by Mr. Pierpont be written out and sent to Sir John Meldrum. 9. That there shall be 3,300 horse and 4,000 foot employed in the service of Gloucester. 10. That Lord Willoughby's horse shall go under the command of Lord Denbigh for relief of Shropshire, as was before ordered. 11. That the six troops of Lancashire horse which should have gone into Shropshire shall go into Yorkshire. 12. That duplicates of the letters to Sir Thos. Fairfax be sent to Lord Fairfax, to be forwarded to the former. 13. That duplicates of the letter to Sir John Meldrum be sent to the Earl of Manchester and to Lord Fairfax. 14. That a letter be written to the Earl of Manchester, informing him of the disposition of the forces at Newark and of those appointed for the business of Gloucester. 15. That the same be written to Col. Cromwell, *mutatis mutandis*. 16. That the members for Gloucestershire in the House be desired to be at this Committee to-morrow morning. 17. That there be 8 drakes appointed to go with the army for Gloucester; to have four of those drakes from St. Alban's. 18. That 200 of Lord Willoughby's foot about Newark, with those of Lord Fairfax also there under Sir John Meldrum shall go to Lord Fairfax. 19. That the Declaration now read by Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be by him reported to the House [of Commons]. 20. That a sub-committee do meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock to sign and dispatch those letters now resolved on. 21. That Sir Philip Stapleton do acquaint his Excellency with all the design now resolved on, and that he desire his Excellency to give order accordingly. 22. The list of the forces to go to Gloucester with the ammunition now at Warwick are [as follows], foot, Lord General's 500, Earl of Manchester's 1,500, Aylesbury garrison 400, Newport garrison 400, Northampton garrison 500, from Warwick with the convoy 200, total 3,500. Dragoons now with Commissary-General Behre 500, horse with Commissary-General Behre 1,000, Earl of Manchester 1,300, Lord Grey 350, total 2,650. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 23, 24.]

March 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir John Meldrum. Your several letters to us of your confident belief that if you might have the forces you mentioned you would in a short time take Newark, moved us to those directions we sent to my Lord Manchester, yourself, and others. All those supplies duly came to you, and the time whereon we grounded our resolutions is elapsed, some designs wherein we intended to dispose part of those forces after the taking

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of that town are lost, and some others of greatest consequence if the siege should last many days longer will miscarry. You write for 500 horse more and 2,000 foot, with which we find you cannot suddenly be furnished. The pressing necessity of sending forces into Yorkshire and elsewhere is so great as we are of opinion that the making any attempt upon Newark which shall break those forces, or their long stay there, will be more inconvenient than the not taking that place. We earnestly desire you forthwith to take the advice of your Council of War, and with them considerately to think upon what we have written, and to ground your resolutions and actions accordingly. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 21, 22. *Copy* $=\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

March 20. 35. Award of Thomas Chamberlain and Thomas Lenthall, merchants of London, arbitrators of all actions, debts, and claims between Ignatio de Landehole and Marcus la Rumbee, merchants, and Daniel Fairvacks, Isaac le Gay, and John Marston, merchants of London. That Marston, Fairvacks, and le Gay shall pay 206*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* to Landehole and la Rumbee in settlement of the accounts between them; upon payment whereof the latter are to give bond in 300*l.* to pay the former 150*l.* on repayment to them of 30,000*l.* lent to the Parliament by Landehole and La Rumbee out of the silver brought to Southampton in the "Clare" [or "Santa Clara"]; and in 120*l.* to pay the same 66*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* on repayment of 15,000*l.* lent the Parliament out of the cochineal brought in the said ship. [*Indented sheet.*] *Annexed,*

35. I. *Statement of the accounts between the above English and Spanish merchants, on which the award is based.* · [2 *pp.*]

March 20. Dunkirk. 36. John Clarke to Mr. Rollestone, secretary to the Marquis of Newcastle. These are sent from Lieutenant-Colonel Ogle, who is gone for France; I expect him here again in a month. I have two Dane [Danish] ships yet I hope in Tynemouth haven; [they] are consigned to Mr. John Housden, as also this ship which is bound hither again. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

March 20. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, Pierpont, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the consideration of the propositions concerning Ireland presented to this Committee by the Committee at Grocers' Hall, and of any other propositions for the carrying on of the war in Ireland, be referred to a sub-committee to report to this Committee, upon Monday next at furthest, their opinions concerning the same. And that they have power to confer with the Committee for Irish affairs of the House of Commons or of Adventurers at Grocers' Hall, or any of the said Committees or any other persons; and are to meet at such times and places as they shall think fit. 2. The sub-committee is also to consider of the third and fifth articles of the "Result" of both kingdoms and what answer is to be given thereunto. The sub-committee is [to consist of] Earl of

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Northumberland, the Scottish Commissioners, Sir Henry Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Mr. Wallop, or two of them [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 25.]

March 20. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. The Committee, taking into consideration the opportunity now offered of reducing Yorkshire, have written to Sir Thomas Fairfax to march into Yorkshire, with all his horse and with six troops more of the Lancashire horse and two regiments of their foot, with whom we desire you to join as great a force of horse and foot as you can, and to make the best use of them that opportunity shall offer both in reducing and assuring that county and giving all the accommodation you shall be able to the Scottish army, with whom we desire you to keep a constant intelligence. Enclosed are duplicates of what we have dispatched to Sir Thomas Fairfax by another messenger, which we desire you to send to him by an express lest the other should miscarry. You have also here a duplicate of what we have written to Sir John Meldrum, by which you will perceive that your foot under his command will ere it be long return to you, and we have ordered 200 foot more to come to you, together with them. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland, [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 22. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

The day before one was sent of the same substance.

March 20. Derby House. The same to Sir Thos. Fairfax. The enclosed are duplicates of what we despatched to you the 8th inst. We now think fit that those six troops then appointed to go for Shropshire shall march with you into Yorkshire, and for that purpose have sent you six letters which you are to direct to those captains of horse that you will have to go with you in that service. In case the horse and foot of Lancashire shall not be presently ready to march with you we desire that you will not tarry for them, but march forthwith with all your own horse and give them direction to follow with all speed. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a duplicate of this letter was sent to Lord Fairfax to be forwarded to Sir Thomas Fairfax, also that duplicates of the letter of March 8 *to Sir Thos. Fairfax were sent by Major Copley and Mr. Jennings to Hull and so from thence to Sir Thomas. A duplicate of the letter to the colonels of foot was sent as above said. The same mutatis mutandis for six troops of horse were sent both by Major Copley and Mr. Jennings.* [*Ibid., p.* 23. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 20. Derby House. The same to Edward, Earl of Manchester. We have considered of your letters and of that which the Earl of Northumberland has imparted to us from you. For your readiness to undertake any service for the good of this kingdom and to be disposed as we shall direct, with our thanks we return our desires in every way to comply with you, and for the present give you this account. Herewith you will receive a copy of our letter to Sir Jo. Meldrum. We

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have desired my Lord General to send to you, besides your horse and dragooners now with Commissary Behre, 1,300 more of your horse and 1,500 of your foot with 400 out of the garrison at Newport which may join with other forces to bring the arms and ammunition at Warwick to Gloucester. The intelligence from thence shows the necessity that town is in, and the exceeding great importance of securing that place is well known to you. Herein is sent you a list of the forces resolved on to effect this design against any opposition that is likely to be in those parts, and to find the enemy employment elsewhere, by Sir Wm. Waller in the west and the Earl of Denbigh in Shropshire and those parts, we have taken especial care. We earnestly desire you to put this in the most speedy way that your forces may meet at such time and place as you shall hear of from my Lord General. The Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire forces we desire may return to secure their own countries. The foot of Lord Willoughby now at Newark are to go with Sir John Meldrum into Yorkshire, and his horse to the Earl of Denbigh as was formerly appointed. Your other horse and foot we desire may be disposed in the best way for recruiting for future service and the securing your Association and the garrisons therein. *Subjoined,*

List of the forces to convoy the ammunition, arms, and other things now at Warwick to Gloucester, viz.,—

The foot. The Lord General 500, *the Earl of Manchester* 1,500, *out of Aylesbury garrison* 400, *out of Newport garrison* 400, *out of Northampton garrison* 500, *from Warwick with the convoy* 200, *Total* 3,500.

Horse. Dragooners now with Commissary Behre 500, *horse with him* 1,000, *Earl of Manchester* 1,300, *the Lord Gray's* 350. *Total* 3,150. *Eight drakes, whereof two of the Earl of Manchester's.* [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 24, 25. *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

March 20. 37. Committee for Safety of co. Surrey to the high constables of Elmbridge hundred. The ministers of the several parishes here named are required to exhort their parishioners upon the next Lord's Day in performance of the covenant by them entered into to advance this service, it being for the defence of all they enjoy and the preservation of the peace of their country. And the said ministers are to make return herewith of all who have not taken the covenant. And the constables do join with the several persons herein nominated for each parish to make return of all those who do list or are able to list any troop horses, dragoons, arms, or soldiers on Monday next. The parishes here designated are Cobham, Esher, Walton-on-Thames, Weybrige, Stoke-Dabernon, Ember and Weston, and West Moulesey. [1 *p.*]

March 21. Oxon. 38. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army. I have this morning received yours of the 20th, and shall forthwith send his Majesty's warrant to the sheriff of Berks. to send provisions both for men and horse to Andover to your

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quarters. The King approves very well your Excellency's and Lord Hopton's proceedings, and will see what may be done for some small contentment for the officers, but he hopes the assignments made by the members of Parliament here for payment of divers sums of money to Lord Hopton's army will shortly enable his Lordship to allow them some pay. Concerning Viscount Andover's letter, I read it to his Majesty myself, so as to him there was no other expression made than his Lordship's own words, and I am glad those regiments are come up to you. The total defeat of the Scots in the north by the Marquis of Newcastle is with much confidence advertised from London, Leicestershire, and other parts; but having no express with that news from the north, we know not what credit to give to it. It is also reported that the rebels have quitted the siege of Newark after the loss of about 1,000 killed and dead of sickness there. We have advertisement that there are 4,000 or 5,000 horse and foot drawn together at Buckingham, Stony Stratford, and those parts, and that they have 12 pieces of ordnance; they expect the Earl of Manchester with a greater strength to join with them. Lord Wilmot hath sent forth a party to learn what they are or intend. There is about 1,000 horse and dragoons now at Stratford-upon-Avon as a convoy to carry in their knapsacks and on spare horses powder and provisions into Gloucester, upon notice whereof yesterday Sir Wm. Vavasour was hastened away. Other news the Mercury herewith sent will acquaint you withal. [2 *pp.*]

March 21. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Lord Admiral [Warwick], Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter from Sir Thos. Fairfax be reported to the Houses both of Lords and Commons. 2. A sub-committee for a magazine at London and Hull to serve for the northern forces, comprising Lords Wharton and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Wallop, or any two of them, to meet to-morrow morning at 7 a.m. 3. That the Officers of Ordnance do attend at the same hour. 4. That Sir H. Vane and Sir P. Stapleton be added to the sub-committee for Irish affairs. 5. That the Frenchman with the letters be set at liberty, and the Earl of Northumberland be desired to write to Prince Harcourt the whole state of the business about staying the messenger and opening the letters. 6. That copies be taken of the passes and letters and kept by the Secretaries. 7. That Mr. Wallop do report to the House of Commons the petition of the inhabitants of the Isle of Wight concerning Col. Carne, without any opinion given from this Committee. 8. That to-morrow be appointed to take the matter of money into consideration, concerning private security for borrowing money from Holland. 9. That it be returned in answer to the Committee of the Navy as follows:—This Committee is of opinion that the safety of the kingdom doth require there should be set forth a fleet of as great strength this year as last or greater if it might be, both to oppose that strength the King now has of shipping

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and to hinder the coming over of the Irish; also of arms and ammunition and in diverse other respects. But because what means there may be found to set forth and maintain such a fleet is best known to the House [of Commons], this Committee think it fit for them to leave the consideration of the number of ships and what burden they shall be of wholly to their disposing. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 25, 26.]

March 21. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Coventry. This Committee having upon mature deliberation laid a design to the execution whereof your forces among others were appointed, and by their letter of the 14th inst. desired you speedily to assist with all the force you could possibly make in your county to serve under the command of the Earl of Denbigh, not hindering the design for Gloucester nor unfurnishing your garrisons of necessary forces, to which letter we refer you and desire you to observe the directions therein, as we cannot alter the same without interrupting and breaking the whole frame of our affairs, which we assure ourselves you will not desire to do. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 26. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 22. 39. Lord Chief Justice Heath's opinion, that in cases where the Bishop or other inferior judge will not, dare not, or cannot do justice, the Archbishop, Judge of the Arches or Superior Court may and ought to do it. The case supposed is that of a vicar suing for tithes detained, and the Bishop or Chancellor of the diocese beyond seas, in Gloucester, or some other unsafe place; then the Court of Arches should give relief, and if not obeyed the common law will and must assist them. [*Endorsed by Sir John Lamb.* 1 *p.*]

March 22. 40. Copy of the above. [$1\frac{1}{2}$ *pp.*]

March 22. 41. Articles of agreement concluded this day between Sir Wm. Middleton, Bart., and Sir Thos. Middleton, Knt., Major-General for North Wales, to the effect that Sir Thos. shall pay to Sir William towards the regiment of foot 6*s.* 8*d.* for every man, and shall provide trumpets, standards, saddles, furniture, and arms for the said troop; also arms, colors, drums, partisans, halberds, and scarfs for the sergeants and drummers, besides 6*d.* a-piece for ribbons for the said regiment of foot. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 22. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Lord General [Essex], Lords Say and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Recorder [Glynn], and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord General be desired to send the letter now read to Sir Wm. Balfour and Sir Wm. Waller. 2. That the letter now read be sent to the Earl of Manchester. 3. That the business for borrowing of money and the petition of the gentlemen and inhabitants of the Isle of Wight referred to this Committee by order of the House be taken into consideration tomorrow. [*Interregnum*, 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 26.]

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March 22. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester by Colonel Mildmay. We perceive by your letters and the intelligence from Newark the state the forces there are in. We so exceedingly apprehend the consequence of their loss, as we earnestly entreat you forthwith to send what forces you can to their succour, notwithstanding any former design of ours or other design whatsoever, and that you do everything that may conduce to the safety of those forces. We conceive if your forces come timely Prince Rupert's army may well be in the same straits yours now is conceived to be. Concerning the forces of Commissary-General Behre we desire you not to stay in expectation of them for that he must pursue the design for Gloucester. What you do herein we desire you to give to us and them sudden and frequent intelligence thereof. Signed by Wm. Viscount Say and Sele and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 26, 27. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

March 23. 42. Commission of Basil Earl of Denbigh, Lord Lieutenant of cos. Warwick, Denbigh, and Flint, and General of all the forces raised in cos. Warwick, Worcester, Stafford, and Salop, with the cities of Coventry and Lichfield, appointing Edward Peyton to be Lieutenant-Colonel of that regiment of horse whereof Denbigh is Colonel, raised in the said counties and parts adjacent to serve for the defence of the King, Parliament, and kingdom. [*Copy.* 2 *pp.*]
Subjoined,
42. 1. *Account of money disbursed towards the payment of my troop, &c. Total,* 103*l.* [1½ *pp.*]

March 23. Knowle Park. 43. Order of the Committee for defence of co. Kent sitting at Knowle. That the revenues of the King, Queen, and Prince belonging to the Crown in Kent., viz., parks, demesnes, and woods as Eltham park, &c., formerly sequestered be recalled and unsequestered, it being a violation of the ordinance for that purpose made by both Houses, and that the money, if any be received upon the sequestration, be restored again. [*Certified copy.* ½ *p.*]
Underwritten,
43. 1. *Acquittance by Sir Thos. Walsingham for* 25*l.* 4*s.* 5*d., received of Daniel Chaterdon as rent for the demesne lands of the manor of Eltham belonging to the Crown.* 2 *May* 1644. [¼ *p.*]

March 23. Oxford. 44. The King to George Earl of Kinnoul. Considering the long affection of the Earl of Kinnoul to our person and service, and his many losses and sufferings for us, and taking kindly his forbearing at this time to urge the performance of our former engagements to him, we do, on the word of a prince, promise that whenever he shall desire us we shall admit him Gentleman of our Bedchamber; and to witness our sense of his forwardness to serve us we likewise promise upon the word of a prince that, if he die before he receive the benefit of this promise, his eldest son Lord Dupplin, shall be admitted Captain of our Guard or something equivalent; and [we] promise and think ourselves obliged to relieve his fortunes from these debts which he hath contracted since the beginning of these unhappy

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troubles, and are willing this be kept as a testimony of our promise and resolution. [*Copy.* ½ *p.*] *Subjoined,*

44. I. *The same to the same. Whereas we have directed a warrant of the same date as this to Cadwallader Jones, Collector General of our Customs, for the keeping his account of all customs proceeding from all sorts of goods from the Caribee Islands separate, and to pay the same to George Earl of Kinnoul. These are further to declare that the reason of that warrant is because we cannot at present make any legal grant thereof unto the said Earl which we intend to do by way of lease under our Great Seal so soon as it is fully in our power, and that the same shall be for* 21 *years at the rent of* 100*l., and that in the interim he shall receive the full benefit thereof according to our warrant without account. All which we promise upon our royal word to make good unto him and his heirs. Given under our sign manual at our Court at Oxford, the* 20*th day of December* 1643. [*Endorsed by Nicholas:* "Received 29th July 1658. Copies of two letters written by the late King to the late Earl of Kinnoul." *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 23. Coventry. 45. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee [of both kingdoms]. Since I gave you an account of the enemy's making a show of besieging Tamworth, they only faced the castle for two hours with their horse, whilst the foot marched behind, and then the horse followed upon a design of far greater consequence, the success whereof may prove as dangerous to our affairs as of extraordinary advantage to the enemy. It is true the inconveniences which have since happened have not befallen us here as men improvident and careless of the public service and our preservation, for when the enemy in our apprehensions intended to lay siege to Tamworth, Commissary-General Behre by my persuasion was induced to fight with the enemy, then almost in his "infancy," and divided from Lord Hastings; those of the military profession in this Committee were then cold and backward in the business. Since upon intelligence of a design of falling upon the enemy by our forces about Newark and other parts, this Committee and myself agreed that it would be of greater advantage to the kingdom to help in that attempt than to suffer these forces to lie idle in the long expectation of an opportunity of passing to Gloucester, whilst they remained useless to our friends, burdensome to this county, and by living upon free quarter and committing divers exorbitancies, the contributions assigned to the forces already raised would not only be weakened, but the levies of horse and foot which I am raising, together with other impediments purposely cast in to hinder those levies, in a manner frustrated; but the Commissary-General [Behre] was then at his rendezvous going for Stratford and could not agree to our propositions, in hope of passing the ammunition to Gloucester upon an appearance of the

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enemy's retiring from thence with the greatest part of their forces towards Oxford; which proving otherwise, ours retired without effecting anything. These reasons, now made stronger by our ill success at Newark, have made us consent unanimously to march to-morrow with all our horse and dragoons towards Leicester to join the forces of that county, of Northampton, Derby, Stafford (whence I am informed those forces assigned me for Shropshire are already removed for that purpose to Derby), and of Nottingham, to hinder the enemy's progress in those parts, which it is likely he will put on vigorously after the gaining so late an advantage both in arms, cannon, and ammunition. And because Commissary-General Behre conceives himself strictly tied to the design of Gloucester before any other action, he hath desired this Committee and myself to bear the blame if any error be laid to his charge, for deferring the putting in execution orders for the present so difficult if not impossible, and prefering a present action of so near concernment to the whole kingdom. This was assented unto by both; but whilst I excuse another I may fall into the same censure myself in regard of your commands upon me for Shropshire, wherein as the subordination of that design to that of Gloucester hath disabled me hitherto for that service, so your lordships will be pleased to make a favourable interpretation of my faithful endeavours to wade through the difficulties of an employment of this nature, if the necessity of sudden resolutions shall at any time drive me upon a rock. I humbly recommend to you the diverting those great forces in Gloucestershire from following us in the rear, and [so] preserving this country from the ruin it is likely to suffer by our removal. [4 *pp.*]

March 23. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Philip Stapleton do report to the House [of Commons] concerning Lord Grey's regiment of horse, and to desire the House to take care that maintenance may be provided for them. 2. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] be desired to take the business of Capt. Zachary into his consideration, and to use the best means he can for his enlargement. 3. That Sir H. Vane, junr., be desired to report to the House [of Commons] a Commission granted by the King and now brought in by the Lord Admiral; and for that and other considerations that the ships may be hastened away to sea. 4. That a sub-committee be appointed to treat with the Earl of Pembroke about the business of the Isle of Wight and Col. Carne, which was referred to this Committee from the House [of Commons] 22 March. [The sub-committee to comprise] Earls of Northumberland and Warwick, Lord Maitland and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, and Browne, or any two of them. 5. That a sub-committee be appointed to treat with some of the richest merchants and others to know if they will borrow 300,000*l.* in Holland, and have counter security for it, either personal or real, and to know what security they will accept of. [Names of sub-committee] Lord Wharton, Mr. Solicitor [St.

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John], Mr. Recorder [Glynn], and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, and Barclay. This Committee is also to treat about the proposition of buying the lands of Papists, &c. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 26, 27.]

March 23. Derby House. Robert Earl of Essex to Sir Wm. Balfour, Sir Wm. Waller, and Col. Dalbiere. I received your letter of the 21st instant from Peterfield, and have been considering of that proposition you make, but when I look upon the posture of my own army and the distance the Earl of Manchester's forces are at being so divided, some before Newark, some towards Stony Stratford, and the rest at Cambridge, I think the motion may admit of so much delay as to let me know the ground you go upon, what certain intelligence you have, for the report is uncertain whether Ruthven be there or towards Gloucester, and how you conceive this can be effected by me in this season by these forces you propose. The design were exceedingly to be wished for, I shall desire you therefore speedily to let me know your thoughts upon this fully, and I shall so frame my resolution after as may be most for the good of the kingdom. This is not any way to retard you from your advance towards the enemy as you find advantage. I shall endeavour to put my army in a posture [for action] as soon as can be. Signed by the Earl of Essex. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 27, 28. *Copy* = $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

March 24. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to John Ashburnham, Esq., or his assigns, 100*l.*, without accompt, in satisfaction of the like sum lent to us. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 26. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 24. London. 46. Warrant of the Committee for Kent to the high constables of Bromley and Beckenham or either of them. The last expedition to Arundel, with the defence of our own county, have ingulphed us in such great debts that there is no present means to pay them, and now upon our association we have sent out 400 horse and 1,200 foot besides dragoons, the raising, arming, clothing, and payment of whom doth amount to a very great sum. These are therefore to require you to impose another tax of tenpence in the pound on real, and one penny on personal estate as formerly. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 24. 46A. Colonel George Goring to Mr. [Sir Isaac] Pennington, Lieutenant of the Tower. Not finding any of those yesterday that use to take notice of my letters before I send them, I sealed mine and sent it to the post, the Committee [of Accounts] desiring me to hasten it away. It contained only that which they directed, and that the answer might be addressed to yourself in my absence. I desire you will let me know when the same Committee returns again, or what any one of their names is, that I may rectify a small failing of my memory when I was last with them. [*Endorsed:* "Mr. Goring's letters to Mr. [Wm.] Cockayne [one of the Committee of Accounts, received] 25 March 1644." [*Seal with device.* 1 *p.*]

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47. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Patrick Ruthven [Earl of Forth] Lord General of the King's army. Upon your first advertisement I procured his Majesty's warrant to the sheriff of Berks to send to you at Andover provisions for horse and men; and because I would have it effectually performed I delivered the warrant to Mr. Pinckney, who sent a deputy with it to the sheriff, and promised to have a care of it. The proportion of provisions his Majesty's warrant required the sheriff of Berks to send weekly to Andover is to the value of 200*l.* the week. I have sent you an extract of such advertisements as I have lately received from London, whereby you will perceive there was an intention as yesterday to fall on Lord Hopton, and that they do apprehend that if you fall on Sir Wm. Waller before the Earl of Essex's regiment be recruited you will destroy their raising of forces. I desire your Excellency to communicate this extract to Lord Hopton. The convoy was advanced so far this week as Stratford-upon-Avon, but are again retired. We have no news from Newark or the north, but Prince Rupert was last Monday at Lichfield on his way towards Newark, and we believe he came thither on Friday last. [2 *pp.*]

March 24. [Derby House.]

Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, and Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Frost desire the Lord Mayor [Sir John Woollaston] to call a Committee of militia to-morrow at 8 o'clock, and that Mr. Recorder [Glynn] do report to them the present posture of affairs, and desire from this Committee that they will continue their forces abroad that are now employed in the service of the King and Parliament. And he is further to desire them to recruit Col. Harvey's regiment of horse, and speedily to raise their auxiliaries, and to have them in such readiness as they may be able to assist the Lord General [Essex] whensoever they shall be desired. 2. That the Lord General be desired to acquaint this Committee what is most fitting to be done for recruiting his army, and what obstructions or impediments therein he desires to be removed. 3. That Sir Henry Vane, junr., move in the House [of Commons] the passing of an Ordinance for raising 3,000*l* out of Lord Petre's estate for the recruiting of Col. Harvey's regiment of horse. 4. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be added to the sub-committee appointed to consider of the borrowing of money. 5. That a letter be drafted and sent to the Earl of Manchester, approving of his drawing his forces together, and so to dispose of them as they may be in readiness upon any motion of the enemy, except the forces now with Col. Behre, and further to desire his Lordship to gather together the forces scattered by the enemy at Newark. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 27, 28.]

March 24. Derby House.

The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. We have received a sad account of our forces before Newark. We know not all the particulars, but that many of our

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horse and most of our foot, by the coming of Prince Rupert, retired to places conceived to be safe, but on Friday did agree to give up their ordnance, ammunition, and fire arms. Three parts of our horse and 500 foot, being at a distance from the rest, retreated safely with their arms. This agreement the enemy did not make good, but plundered our men of their arms and good clothes. On Friday night, when we were informed supplies might timely come, we directed all my Lord Manchester's forces except those with Commissary Behre at Warwick, to go to relieve those before Newark (who are a good part of their way thitherwards) so as you cannot for the present expect any diversion towards Oxford. This account we have thought good to give you, and you knowing we have no other reserve ready if your army should receive a blow, we assure ourselves you will be most careful not to engage in fight but upon such terms as, considering the state of our affairs, you believe to be most for the good of the kingdom, which we leave to you who are upon the place. Signed by Wm Viscount Say and Sele and Lord John Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Sent by a messenger, who brought theirs of the 23rd at midnight at 7 o'clock p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 28, 29. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

March 24. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. The Committee do well approve of your drawing your forces together, and putting the counties of your Association into a posture. They do desire you to dispose them in such places as they may be ready to wait upon and oppose any motion of the enemy, and to provide for the security of the Association. Only those forces that are with Commissary-Genl. Behre cannot yet be called away from that service. We desire you will use all the care and means you can to gather together and recruit those broken forces that they may not be wholly lost. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Hobard at the Bull in Bishopsgate-st., who departed this 25 March, in the morning. [*Ibid., p.* 29. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

1644. March 25. 48. An offer of [Thos.] Smithsby, the King's saddler, that he is willing for his Majesty's service to make up the sum of 5,469*l.* 8*s.* to 10,000*l.*, to be paid out of the Petty farms at our Lady Day 1644. [*Endorsed:* "What doth your Lordship say to this?" ½ *p.*]

March 25. 49. Note by Wm. Conyers of his disbursements from 1642 to 1644, while in the service of Sir Henry Vane at Raby Castle. Total 493*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, besides 140*l.* 19*s.* 2*d.* remaining upon accompt unaccounted for. [*Endorsed:* "Exceptions against Conyers' receipts and disbursements since 29th of Oct. 1643 till Lady Day 1644." 6 *pp.*]

March 25. 50. Colonel George Goring [Governor of Portsmouth] to Wm. Cockayne, Governor of the East India Company, and to the rest of the Committee of Accounts. I must excuse myself to you for the

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failing of my memory in one particular which I have since recollected. That which I gave order to be paid to the garrison of Portsmouth of the 3,000*l.* was not a half year's pay to the whole garrison, but three-quarters of a year's pay to the old and one quarter to the new, which comes near the sum I named to you, the rest I account for in work. I have written according to your direction to him who was my paymaster, not doubting but within a few days you will have satisfaction in it. I have caused him to direct his letters to Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower [Sir Isaac Pennington] in my absence. You will find much more in his accounts for work than I received, which with a very great assessment due to the garrison and myself is not seasonable to importune you with further than to let you see how that all which I received since this Parliament sat, before these troubles began, was paid to the garrison and to labourers and workmen, according to the intention of the House. If I be removed into the King's quarters before the particulars of this account be manifested, I shall not be hindered by any public divisions from giving you and the rest any further light into this matter you shall require of me, since it is as well a vindication of my own credit as a satisfaction to you and the rest which I have promised to give you, and this is all I shall importune you with for the present. [3 *pp.*]

March 25. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, and Messrs. Wallop and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Governor and Assistants of the Turkey Company be desired to be at this Committee to-morrow morning at 8 a.m., when the Committee is to sit. 2. That Mr. [John] Lisle [M.P.] be desired to be at the Committee to-morrow afternoon, and others able to inform of the state of the Isle of Wight. 3. That the two letters to the Scotts' army, being re-written, be dispatched with the provisions by the ships. 4. Another letter to be sent with the ship that carries the provisions. 5. That a letter be sent to the Committee of Estates at Edinburgh with the ship that carries clothes and provisions to Leith for the Scotts' army in Ireland. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 28]

March 26. An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons for the enabling of Sir Wm. Brereton, Bart., M.P., speedily to put in execution the ordinances for the sequestration of the estates of Papists and delinquents, the fifth and twentieth part, weekly assessment, and all other Ordinances of Parliament within the county and the city of Chester; and to take subscriptions for the better supply and maintenance of the forces under his command, for security of the said places and preventing the access of the Irish forces into those parts. Also allowing to Sir Wm. Brereton the personal estates of all Papists and delinquents in London and within 20 miles not yet sequestered or discovered for the service aforesaid. Ordered to be printed and published 26 March 1644. [*Pamphlet printed for John Wright in*

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the Old Bailey, 29 *March* 1644. *Composition Papers, Interregnum G.* 89. 7 *pp.*]

March 26. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to Leonard Lichfield, printer to the University of Oxford, or his assigns, 676*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* without accompt, due to him for the several impressions of declarations, proclamations, prayers, speeches, books, and papers set forth by him under our direction between the 29th October 1642 and the 3rd Feb. last past. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *pp.* 42, 43. *Copy*=1½ *pp.*]

March 26. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be sent to the Earl of Manchester, acquainting him with the coming of Commissary-General Behre to his assistance upon the rear of the enemy, where his horse and dragoons may do him as good service as if they were in his own army, and that his lordship will keep intelligence with these forces for the good of the service. 2. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] and the gentlemen of the Eastern Association be consulted about the security of Yarmouth. 3. That letters be sent to Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Wm. Balfour, and the Earl of Manchester, desiring them to send a messenger every day to this Committee, whether the posture of their affairs do require it or not. *Afternoon sitting.*—4. That the business of Derbyshire be taken into consideration on Thursday next. 5. That some of the Militia and of the several Committees which sit at the Savoy, at Savage House, and in Southwark, be at this Committee on Thursday afternoon. 6. This Committee being informed by Sir Walter Erle that to-morrow being the anniversary of the King's coronation a salute would be fired, do think fit that the ceremony be forborne to-morrow being the day appointed by law for a day of humiliation, as also all other circumstances [considered]; and that the Lord Admiral, the Lord Mayor, and Lieut. of the Ordnance be acquainted therewith. 7. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to recruit his army with the 20,000*l.* assigned for that purpose, so far as it will extend, and that it be recommended to the House [of Commons] to cause 1,500*l.* to be provided for the train of artillery. 8. That [Philip] Earl of Pembroke be desired to write to John Bunckley, Wm. Boreman, Edw. Cheeke, and Mr. Leigh, Mayor of Newport, to take care of the Isle of Wight until the business of Col. [Wm.] Carne be determined. 9. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Browne on Thursday morning next, that it is the desire of this Committee that Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton be immediately sent down into their countries. 10. That Sir H. Vane, junr., be desired to go to the Committee for Accounts with a request from this Committee that they would make all possible speed with the accounts of the sequestrations, and for the bringing in of the money for the Scotts' army in Ireland. 11. That

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the first proposition for raising of a considerable sum for payment of the Scotts' army in Ireland, offered to this Committee by the sub-committee appointed to consider the Irish affairs, is agreed to be presented to the Houses. 12. That the second proposition be presented to the Houses. 13. That the third article be recommitted to the sub-committee formerly appointed for Irish affairs to be further considered of. 14. That the 4th article be presented to the House [of Commons]. 15. That the sub-committee prepare a draft of an ordinance agreeable to the 5th article. 16. That the 6th article, as it is now altered, and the sum filled up be presented to the House. 17. That Sir H. Vane, junr., report the propositions agreed upon to the House on Thursday morning. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 29, 30.]

March 26. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. The sad condition of those countries by the ill success at Newark has been so deeply resented by my Lord Denbigh, Commissary-General Behre, and the forces of those parts that they are upon their march thitherward; by the letter enclosed you will see their resolutions, and thereby you may consider whether your forces under Commissary-General Behre coming into that army may not do you as good service as if they were in your own army; we desire your Lordship to send back the letter of Lord Denbigh when you have conveniency. Meantime that you will keep a continual intelligence with Lord Denbigh, whereby there may be such a concurrence of your forces as may best promote the service now in hand. And that every day you will send a post to this Committee that we may continually know what is the state of those affairs. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

This letter and the original of Lord Denbigh's was sent by a messenger of the Earl of Manchester, about 11 *o'clock a.m.* [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 30. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

March 26. Derby House. The same to [Sir John Woollaston], Lord Mayor, and the Court of Aldermen. The Committee of both kingdoms, taking into consideration the great likelihood of a dearth and famine to grow amongst us, both by the spoil of present provisions and preventing the supply of future by depriving the husbandmen of the means of tillage in many places where the armies march, and of how dangerous consequence it will be if the meaner sort of people shall once be distressed in the matter of their food, and how difficult if not impossible in such case to contain them in their obedience, and most of all other places in this populous city, so much abounding now with poor through the intermission of trade; they have thought good to commend it to your especial care, that your stores may be furnished with a greater proportion of corn and victual than heretofore, while it may yet be had at some reasonable rates. And they desire you not to rest in such proportions as you have thought sufficient in times of peace and hope of future plenty. And that besides your public stores from which the necessities of the poor may be relieved

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at reasonable rates when need require it, you would think of some way to commend it to all of ability within the city to be possessed of sufficient store for their own provisions according to the proportion of their families, whereby they may be freed from those inconveniences which if not prevented may prove dangerous. We doubt not you will be very careful hereof, and we desire to be certified of your proceedings herein. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Butler, messenger, about 10 *o'clock a.m.* [*Ibid., p.* 31. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 26. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. By our last of the 24th instant we gave a short account of the unhappy condition of our affairs about Newark. We have thought fit to give you further notice that Lord Denbigh and the forces of Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire, and also those under Commissary-General Behre are marched that way to hinder those forces there, from that fruit of their victory they might hope to reap by arming the country with those arms they had taken from our men; towards which parts also the rest of the forces of Lord Manchester are marching, which we let you know lest you should expect a greater diversion than those forces can now make, as this unhappy accident has altered the state of our affairs; we desire you also that every day we may have a post from you, whereby we may continually know the state of your affairs. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Gardener about 2 *o'clock a.m.* [*Ibid., p.* 32. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

March 27. Oxon. 51. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the [Earl of Forth], Lord General of the King's forces. This is only to convey to your Excellency the enclosed relation of Prince Rupert's good success before Newark and the declarations herewith sent. We hear nothing as yet from my Lord of Newcastle, but hope the good success of Prince Rupert at Newark will have a good influence on the Scottish forces, for thereby their passage is rendered the more difficult. Prince Maurice wrote to the King that he would march eastward on Monday last. P.S.—The Earls of Kinnoul and Traquair go this day northwards. [1 *p.*]

March 28. Leicester. 52. Basil Earl of Denbigh to Sir Samuel Luke, Governor of Newport Pagnell. The intelligence I have lately received from Nottingham is that they fear the enemy will very speedily set upon them, or else, hearing of the Earl of Manchester's march and my being here, they will either fall down into his Association which, I fear, is not strong enough to resist them, or into these parts, or else retire—as some think—to Shrewsbury, in regard they have laden all the ammunition they lately gained and summoned in carts to march with all speed. But I am of opinion, they being so strong, will follow their fortune here; but had the Earl of Manchester's march been swifter and Sir Tho. Fairfax [with the] Derby and Nottingham forces joined with me, we might by God's blessing have been able to recover our loss, or at least surprised their ammunition; but now I fear we must be content to sit down with the loss here and en-

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deavour to regain it in another place. Had not Sir John Meldrum's noble and gallant resolutions been betrayed by base and unworthy commanders and officers, it had not been so bad with him and us as now it is, which, I hope upon good examination, will be found out, that all such base and treacherous actions may receive their due punishment. [*Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]

March 28. / April 7. The Hague. Elizabeth Queen to Bohemia to Sir Thos. Roe. I had so great a cold as I could not give you thanks for yours of the 20th February. I am sure my son [the Elector Palatine] has given you an answer of his, where you will find that there is no hope of compassing what you mention; by what I have heard since out of England I fear the States' Ambassadors will return with as little effect as the Comte de Harcourt did. I have received as yet no answer to my letter concerning you, nor indeed have I had any letters from Oxford since my Lord Goring being here, from whence I can write you no news that are good. This French Ambassador, Monsieur de la Tuillerie, is going from his master to be a mediator for a peace betwixt my uncle [the King of Denmark] and the Swedes. The States send also, but their Ambassadors are accompanied with 40 or 50 ships of war which, I believe, will a little startle my uncle. I am sure you know that Ragozci [Prince Ragotzki] is in Hungary with God knows how many thousand men. This is all the news I have, only that which makes me very sad that my dear mother-in-law the Electress is dangerously sick. I fear she is dead by this time. When the Polish Doctor comes you shall know it. You may trust Sir Wm. Boswell in it, who is very careful to let you know all, but if you will trust yourself into his hands you must come over, which I shall not be sorry for. [*Two seals with arms and crown. In Holland Correspondence.*]

March 28. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir H. Vane, senr., that 3,000*l.* be borrowed from Haberdashers' Hall for the present use of Aylesbury, till it shall be repaid from the Committee of Revenue. 2. That it be recommended to the Committee of the militia and to the several sub-committees sitting at the Savoy, Savage House, and in Southwark, to expedite the execution of the ordinance for recruiting the Lord General's army, that it may be ready to march. Orders sent to them *eo fine.* 3. That letters be written to the Earl of Manchester and Lord Denbigh, to let them know that by intercepted letters of Prince Rupert's it seems probable that he resolves to return to his old quarters; and to desire them to communicate counsels, and upon occasion to join strengths, to do what is best, according to their judgments being upon the place, both for the public and the good of those parts and the Association's, and to send the number of their horse and foot, and where they are, to this Committee, the better to enable their judg-

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ments and resolutions. 4. That a considerable number of horse and foot be endeavoured to be sent into the field for a reserve to the forces abroad. 5. That a letter be written to the Committee of Herts., to require them to have two regiments of foot in readiness for present service in respect the Lord General's army is not yet recruited, but is carefully endeavoured to be recruited with all possible speed. 6. That there be presently sent into the field [the following forces, viz.] of the Lord General's foot 2,000, out of Herts. 1,500, out of Aylesbury 600, out of Windsor 500; and that there be sent of horse of the Lord General's 500, from the city of London, Col. Harvey's regiment, 500, from Kent 100, from Essex 100, Middlesex 60, Surrey one troop, Aylesbury one troop; and that Sir Philip Stapleton be desired to speak to the Lord General to get those of his own forces ready with all speed, and to appoint a Commander-in-Chief, the place of rendezvous, and to give orders for the rest. 7. That letters be written to the gentlemen of the Isle of Wight, taking notice of their good affections showed in their [furnishing] provisions for Sir Wm. Waller's army and for other assistance given [by] them, and to encourage the continuance of it. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 30, 31.]

March 28. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. By the letters of Prince Rupert intercepted which you sent us it appears probable to you that he is not of such a strength as he thinks it safe to continue where he is, but is resolved to return to his own quarters, which we have also written to my Lord Denbigh, and desire both you to keep so good correspondence and intercourse together as by the communication of your counsels and (if occasion offer) conjuncture of your forces you may do that which to your judgment (being upon the place) shall most conduce both to the public service in general as also to the good and safety of the Association and of those parts in particular; and that you will give us the numbers you have of horse and foot and where they are, that we may be the better able to ground our resolutions and judgments. We understand by letters from Hull that 2,000 of the forces that were raised from Newark are come to Hull with Sir John Meldrum. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Sent from hence between 7 *and* 8 *p.m., by a messenger who came from Huntingdon.* [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 33. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 28. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. By the intercepted letters of Prince Rupert sent hither it appears probable to us that, whatever report makes of it, he does not esteem his forces so considerable as to continue with them long in Lincolnshire, but is resolved to return to his old quarters. We have written the same to my Lord Manchester, and desire both of you to keep so good intercourse and correspondence together as by the communication of your counsels and (if occasion offer) conjuncture of your forces that you may do that which in your judgments (being upon the place)

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shall most conduce both to the public service in general as also to the good and safety of the Association and of those parts in particular, and that you will give us the numbers that are with you, both horse and foot, that we may the better be able to ground our resolutions and judgments. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 33, 34. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

March 28. Derby House. The same to the Committee in Hertfordshire. The Lord General's army being in a hopeful way of recruiting, and it being resolved that a good part of it shall presently be made ready to take the field, to be a reserve against all accidents, to which for this purpose we intend to join other forces, and among them desire you to make ready two regiments of foot to take the field for this service until the Lord General shall have his whole army ready, which we hope will be shortly done, and then they may return into your own country. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 34. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

March 28. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. By the intercepted letters of Prince Rupert it seems his intention is not to stay in the place where he is, but to return to his former quarters in Shropshire. We are also advertised by letters from Hull that 2,000 of those forces that were raised from before Newark are come to Hull with Sir J. Meldrum. We are also informed that some of the Kentish soldiers do return home from your army; we have given order to have some of them apprehended and sent to you to be made exemplary. It is also informed that Lord Hopton has the provisions of his army brought to him out of Somerset, and we doubt not but with as great facility you may be supplied from the Weald of Sussex and the places behind you that are now under the protection of your army. P.S.—We have propounded to ourselves and are endeavouring to effect a reserve of 4,600 foot and 1,300 horse, to be presently put into the field in the meantime that the Lord General's army be recruiting. Signed as above and sent by John Priestley, on Friday, at 8 p.m., and returned on Tuesday about 9 a.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 35. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

March 29. Oxon. 53. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the [Earl of Forth], Lord General of his Majesty's forces. The King hath this day given order for a week's provision of hay, oats, or peas, to be forthwith sent for all the horse which were sent from the King's army with your Excellency in assistance of Lord Hopton; and Mr. Jay, the Commissary, is gone with it to the sheriff of Berkshire, out of which county those provisions are to be sent with all possible diligence to Andover, and from Andover Lord Hopton is to take order for carriages to bring it to his quarters. There is also order given by his Majesty to Lord Percy to send Lord Hopton 50 barrels of powder, 6,000 weight of match, and bullet proportionable to the powder, part whereof will be sent hence, as Lord Percy promiseth, to-morrow. You will herewith receive an order from his Majesty to the commanders for all the forces with your Excellency to obey Lord Hopton's orders in your absence, his Majesty being much troubled that your indisposition will not permit you to be abroad

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with the army. Your Lordship may be pleased to deliver that warrant yourself or leave it to Lord Hopton, as you think fittest. We have here had a flying report that the Earl of Essex is preparing to second Waller, but this day one that came from London, Tuesday last, says there are no forces there ready to march. We hear that the Earl of Manchester and Cromwell are drawing all the forces they can get together into Leicestershire, apprehending that Prince Rupert will disorder that county. [2 *pp.*]

March 29. Oxon. 54. The same to the same. Recounts some of the particulars in the above letter to which he refers. His Majesty has now also sent Mr. Hinton, a gentleman of that county, to take order for provisions both for horses and men for your Excellency's forces. The Earls of Kinnoul and Traquair went two days since towards the north. Sir Wm. Vavasour has taken Painswick with small loss, and in it he took above 200 soldiers prisoners, besides many slain, and the arms of divers that ran away. We hear that the Earl of Essex stirs not from London as yet. P.S.—There is now a letter come from [Mr. Jay] the Commissary of the Victuals that there are provisions sent out of Berkshire to Andover for horses and men, but that carriages are there very scarce and hard to be gotten. [1 *p.*]

March 29. 55. Deposition of John Thorne of Arundel, Sussex, butcher, before the Lords' Committees appointed to take the examinations in the cause of Archbishop Laud. In 1631, being constable of Arundel, he with John Middleton the mayor found Wm. Lewes, a debauched minister, drunk in an alehouse, and took him into custody as he refused to leave and swore and reviled them. Next day, being penitent, he asked their forgiveness and importuned them not to carry him before the Bishop of the diocese, which they did not at his entreaty. Soon after he prosecuted them for having laid violent hands on him a minister, but he received little countenance till Laud was made Archbishop of Canterbury, when the cause was suddenly heard and Thorne and Middleton fined 100*l.* apiece to the King and 40*l.* apiece costs to Lewes. Their fines were afterwards reduced through the mediation of Sir John Shelley, a Papist, with the Archbishop. [*Endorsed:* "Article 6." 1 *sheet.*]

March 29. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the propositions now read concerning the affairs of Ireland be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir H. Vane, junr., which propositions follow, viz.:— 1. That some effectual course be taken for the due and speedy collection of the sequestrations appointed by both Houses for the payment of 60,000*l.* to the Scottish army in Ireland, and that this be recommended to the Committee for taking the accounts of all the kingdom. 2. That to enable the speedy raising of a considerable sum of money for the supply of the Scottish army in England and

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Ireland, an Ordinance be passed by the Houses of Parliament to the same effect as formerly, to levy by way of assessment 66,666*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, being another third part of the 200,000*l.* appointed by both Houses for the purposes aforesaid to our brethren of Scotland, for which the public faith of both kingdoms is engaged. 3. That as another means for raising money for the affairs of Ireland the Bill presented by both Houses to his Majesty for compelling the Adventurers to pay the money due by their subscriptions upon the Acts of Parliament for that purpose should be turned into an Ordinance of Parliament. 4. That out of the ways and means above mentioned or otherwise, or by the credit thereof, the Committee hold it necessary that the sum of 30,000*l.* should by the 30th April be shipped from hence to Carrickfergus, upon which the said forces may depend, and that the remainder of the 60,000*l.* be sent away by the last of June next. For the future maintenance of the Scottish and British forces in Ireland, these propositions, viz.:—1. This Committee thinks it necessary that a settled course be established by Ordinance of Parliament or otherwise toward the monthly pay of the Scottish forces, 4,000*l.* to be paid to these forces; and that the surplus due to these Scottish forces according to the treaty, over and above the 4,000*l.* monthly provided, shall be assured to them upon the public faith; and of 4,000*l.* monthly to be paid to the British forces, which sums for the Scottish and British forces shall be paid into the hands of treasurers nominated for that purpose by both kingdoms or their Committees authorised in that behalf, and to be issued out according to that advice. 2. That whatever provisions of victuals or money shall be raised or collected within the States of the United Provinces by way of benevolence or otherwise, for the relief and maintenance of the said British and Scottish forces, they may be consigned to persons nominated for that purpose by the joint advice of both kingdoms or their Committees authorised in that behalf; and to be issued forth according to instructions given by that advice. For regulating the forces for Ireland,—1. That the Earl of Leven, Lord General of the Scottish forces in Ireland, being now by the votes of both Houses agreed to be Commander-in-Chief over all the forces as well British as Scottish (according to the fourth article of the Result of the Committees of both kingdoms passed both Houses), be desired by the advice of these Committees to nominate and appoint a Commander-in-Chief under his Excellency over the said forces to reside with them upon the place. 2. That Committees be nominated and appointed by the joint advice of both kingdoms of such numbers and qualities as shall be by them agreed on to be sent speedily to reside with these forces, and enabled with full and complete instructions by the joint advice of both kingdoms for the regulation of these forces and the better carrying on of the war. Memorandum.—That the Commissioners of Scotland denied to give any vote to the approbation of these propositions, but that whatever answer the House should please to return they would send [it] to those by whom they are intrusted. *Afternoon sitting.*—Ordered, 1. That there be the same proportion

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of horse and dragoons of the Earl of Manchester's [army] sent again to Warwick to Commissary-General Behre that were at first. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp* 31–33.]

March 29. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the gentlemen of the Isle of Wight. The Committee of both kingdoms have taken notice of your good affection to the Parliament and the public cause manifested by those provisions sent from the island to the army under the command of Sir Wm. Waller, and the other assistance you have given them, for which they return you thanks, and doubt not but you will still be ready as occasion offers to do them all the good offices that shall be in your power, which we shall be ever ready to acknowledge, as we do account it to be good service to the kingdom. *Underwritten,*

1. *Sent by John Priestley, who carried it to Sir Wm. Waller.* [*Interregnum,* 18 *E., p.* 36. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 29. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We understand from Col. Behre that the 300 horse and 250 dragooners which we wrote to you were to be sent upon the design of Gloucester are recalled by you for your own assistance against Prince Rupert, and upon the supposition that the design of Gloucester is laid aside, which we taking into consideration and weighing well the necessity of pursuing the first design of Gloucester and diverting the enemy in those parts from strengthening the forces with Sir R. Hopton, we have resolved that it is very necessary that the same proportion of 300 horse and 250 dragooners be continued out of your forces under the command of Commissary Behre for relieving Gloucester, and therefore desire you with all speed to send 300 horse and 250 dragooners to Commissary Behre for the service aforesaid, and that you advertise us before you do recall them. By the enclosed from Prince Rupert you may perceive which way he intends to move, and we desire if you shall have intelligences more certain frequently to advertise us. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Sent about 8 *p.m. by a messenger who came from my Lord from Huntingdon, and paid him here* 20 *shillings.* [*Ibid., pp.* 36, 37. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

March 30. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to Sir Arthur Gorges or his assigns 40*l.*, to be employed by him in buying 50 arms for Henry Lord Loughborough for our service. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 31. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 30. Oxford. The like. To pay to Sir Vivian Molyneux, Knt., or his assigns, 100*l.* for our secret service. [*Ibid., p.* 33. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 30. 56. The examination of Captain George Palmer, taken before the Committee [for safety] at Leicester. Concerning an engagement that took place at Mountsorrel in Leicestershire between the Royalists and Parliamentarians, in which the examinant led the

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forlorn hope on the Parliament side. After some successful operations the forlorn hope was obliged to retreat, many of them being taken prisoners for want of assistance, which Sir Edward Hartopp refused to send them, being jealous of the examinant and other officers for acting without his orders. Signed by the Committee. [2½ *pp.*]

March 30. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That some of the Western gentlemen be sent for, likewise Mr. Recorder about money for the Western and London forces. 2. That a letter be written to the Committee of the militia, desiring them to continue their forces with Sir William Waller for a short time, and to assure them that care shall be taken by this Committee to provide 1,000*l.* for these forces within two or three days. Another letter to Col. Browne to the same effect. 3. To write to Sir Wm. Balfour and Sir Wm. Waller, taking notice of their good success and desiring them to draw their forces together and put them in such posture that they may be able to improve this present opportunity, with assurance likewise that care shall be taken to send them money speedily. 4. The letter to the Militia read and approved of. 5. To write to cos. Kent, Sussex, and Surrey desiring them to send provisions to their forces now in the army of Sir Wm. Waller that they may be better enabled to prosecute the late victory, and to use all other means for their encouragement. 6. The letter to Major-General Browne read and approved. 7. Ditto to Sir Wm. Waller. 8. To meet to-morrow afternoon after sermon. To desire the Lord Mayor to order a thanksgiving service for the victory of Sir Wm. Waller next Lord's Day in all the churches within the lines of communication and weekly bills of mortality. 9. To write to the Earls of Manchester and Denbigh, and to Commissary-General Behre, informing them of the success of Sir Wm. Waller's forces, and that they may communicate the same to others in the service of the King and Parliament. 10. That the draft of an ordinance concerning the raising of money upon land which was now presented by the Earl of Northumberland be taken into consideration on Monday next. 11. That the propositions presented to the Committee by Wm. White be taken into consideration to-morrow. 12. That the Committee of the militia be desired that the regiment of auxiliaries of Southwark may be in readiness to march with some of the Lord General's forces for a reserve to be used to the best advantage, and that care shall be taken for a fortnight's pay to carry out with them for their further entertainment. 13. To move them [the militia] to secure Windsor with some of their forces, whilst that regiment [auxiliaries of Southwark] may also be employed in that service. 14. To assure them that this Committee do engage themselves to see them supplied with the 1,000*l.* for Col. Browne's brigade by Wednesday next, and to desire them to send away that sum to Col. Browne and to take care for the convoy

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of it. 15. That the Committee of Militia will send to Col. Harvey to know in what time his regiment of horse will be ready for the same service; and that we [the Committee of both kingdoms] are informed that there is money ready for that purpose. 16. That the Lord Mayor [Sir John Woollaston] be desired to give notice to all parishes within the lines of communication and weekly bills of mortality that thanks may be given to God for the victory of the forces under Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 33, 34.]

March 30. Derby House. The Commissioners of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have this day received the news of that good success which it has pleased God to give to the Parliament's forces under the command of Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour against those of Sir Ralph Hopton at Cheriton, between Alresford and Winchester, on Friday last. They began about 8 in the morning and continued until night, in which Lord John [Stuart] is certainly slain, and as said the Earl of Forth, besides Hopton's army wholly routed and scattered, a more full account whereof we shall hereafter give you. We desire you will send the enclosed to the Earl of Denbigh and Col. Behre. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 37. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p. Underwritten,*

To Lord Denbigh one of the same tenor, only this added, "to send the enclosed to Com. Behre and to as many of the Parliament's forces beyond him as conveniently he could."

To Com. Behre until this clause, "We desire your Lordship." Sent by Rowl. Fawkerd between 11 *and* 12 *p.m.*

March 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Wm. Balfour, Sir Arthur Haslerigg, and others. We understand by one Petsonne who was yesterday at the fight between your forces and the enemy that it has pleased God to give by your means a very great defeat to them, in which we acknowledge the great goodness of God for so seasonable a mercy after the unhappy business at Newark. We are very sensible of the great advantage that will come to the kingdom by a careful and diligent improvement of this success against the enemy for the recovery of the west, and how necessary it is to provide all manner of encouragement for the continuance of your forces in this service, for which purpose we have conferred with the Committee of the West, for the providing of money with all speed to be sent down to you, and concerning which they give us very good assurance of suddenly effecting the same. We have written also to the several Committees of the Associations to have the like care of their forces, and to the Militia of London for the encouragement of their forces to continue with you. We are also endeavouring to hasten out all we may some more forces for a reserve to yours, although they be not as yet in that forwardness we could wish. We must desire you, therefore, to be as watchful over yourselves as you can and give us frequent advertisements of the state of your affairs, that what we can contribute for

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the furtherance of this service may be endeavoured by us with all care. And from the late unhappy experience we had before Newark we think fit to offer to your considerations that you rather endeavour to prevent the rallying of the enemy by keeping the field than to put yourselves upon the attempt of any towns or places of difficulty except you find an apparent advantage, but which we leave to your own judgments, being upon the place. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Major Francis Rowe, Scout-Master-General of London. [*Ibid., pp.* 38, 39. *Copy.* 1¾ *p.*]

March 30. Derby House. The same to the Militia of London. The Committee of both kingdoms having received news of that good success which God has been pleased to give to the forces with Sir Wm. Waller, and being willing that the best use might be made thereof, do desire you to write to your forces there to stay some short time for the full pursuance of the same, and to let them know that a course is taken that the 1,000*l.* be presently sent to them, of the safe convoy whereof we pray you to be especially careful. *Underwritten,*

Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Estwicke, who received it here on Saturday night. [*Ibid., p.* 39. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

March 30. Derby House. The same to the Committees of Kent, Sussex, and Surrey. We doubt not before this the newes has come to you of that good success which it pleased God to give the forces under the command of Sir Wm. Waller against those of Sir Ralph Hopton, wherein the enemy's forces were wholly routed on Friday last. And you cannot but know of how great a concernment it is that the victory should be pursued, and the best use that may be made of it for the ending of these great troubles. We therefore desire that you will give all possible encouragement to your forces there by all provisions necessary for them, and especially that of victuals, that they may be in nothing hindered to improve this opportunity that God has put into their hands towards the speedy ending of this war. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler. *Underwritten,*

One copy for Surrey [*was addressed*] *to Sir Ambrose Browne, one for Sussex to Sir Thos. Pelham, and one for Kent to Sir Thos. Walsingham, all delivered on Saturday.* [*Ibid., pp.* 39, 40. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

March 30. Derby House. The same to Major Browne. Being informed of the good service yourself and your brigade have done in the late good success against the enemy, and being very sensible of the great advantage it will be to the kingdom to pursue this victory and the utter routing of these forces, we have written to the Committee of the Militia for the continuance of your brigade in command in this service for some short time, to which effect we doubt not you will receive letters from them, and also 1,000*l.*, for which we have taken care this evening to have it done, and therefore we shall desire you to encourage your men in this so necessary work, and to follow up this

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happy success which God has been pleased to give you. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by the same messenger as carried the one of the 30th to Sir Wm. Waller, both of which were left with Major Francis Rowe about 11 *p.m.* [*Ibid., p.* 40. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

March 31. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee at Northampton to send to Commissary-General Behre the same proportion of forces that were there before. 2. That the business of Derbyshire be taken into consideration to-morrow, and that Sir John Curson be desired to be here with them at that time. 3. That letters be sent to Lord Fairfax and Sir Thomas Fairfax to join their forces of horse, to mount what foot they can for dragoons, and to march forthwith toward the Tees, in order to make a diversion [against the Marquis] of Newcastle's army and render assistance to the Scots. Likewise, to let them know that the list enclosed is of those forces that this Committee has ordered to send [to be sent] for their future supply, that they take the best course they can to cause such of them to march as are ready, but not to tarry for them, and that they give order for those that are not ready to follow with expedition, and that they keep good intelligence with the Scottish army. 4. That the good success of Sir Wm. Waller's and Sir Wm. Balfour's forces against the enemy be reported to both Houses by the Lord General [Essex] and Sir H. Vane, junr., respectively. This Committee to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 34, 35.]

March 31. Oxon. 57. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the [Earl of Forth] Lord General of the King's forces. I send this to acquaint you the King hath taken order by the Sheriff of Berks, by Mr. Hinton, a gentleman of his Privy Chamber living in Berks, and by the Commissaries both of the horse and foot, to send victuals for both to Newbury and Reading, or such other places as you or Lord Hopton shall direct, and Mr. Hinton writes that at Newbury and thereabouts he hath good store of bread and cheese, and also of oats. Lord Wilmot hath sent for all the King's horse to meet this night at Blewberry, about 5 miles from Abingdon, to be ready to join with your Lordship's forces upon all occasions. The King hath no perfect relation from your Excellency or Lord Hopton of the fight at Alresford, nor any certainty how many of the rebels or of his Majesty's forces were there lost; only we hear the King lost neither colours nor cannon, and that Sir William Waller came late on Friday night into Winchester, but whether he continues there or goes westward or what he doth or intends to do we hear nothing. Nor doth his Majesty hear where Lord Hopton is, or where his foot or horse are; whereof your Excellency may be pleased to send advertisement by the first express. There is much good news from divers parts, as by the

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enclosed you will perceive. P.S.—My Lord John Stuart is at Abingdon, and we hope will recover. [2 *pp.*]

[March.] 58. Sir Thos. Crompton and others, the Committee for Safety in Salop, to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have long expected your presence among us, never more needed than now, for Wem is besieged; as we understand, Lord Byron lay about it for three days since, and now they are closer begirt. The Prince is gone to Shrewsbury. If you were now here we hope that out of these and other parts not far remote a considerable force might be raised for their relief. Our humble suit is that you will use all possible means for a speedy despatch unto or towards us. [*Seal with arms, broken.* ⅔ *p.*]

March. Vienna. Sir Griffin Markham to his sister the Lady Anne Smith. I hear that Beech is burnt down by the rebels, which will kill my brother Meldon if he did live there; yet I hear of none of his sons going to the wars, which I wonder at, for as things stand no man should think of anything else or of any quietness of life when the King is forced himself to be a soldier. If the King had begun to show his resolution sooner, they [the rebels] had all been by this time overthrown, but his dislike to proceed really and [desire to] win with clemency has wronged all the country. I hear that [the Earl of] Essex loses credit with his party, and Waller gains ground of him, and I wonder not at it. If his mother had lived it would have broken her heart to hear of his follies, but he must follow his father's fortune, who never had resolution either to do well or die well. If he forsake his party in good fashion he may yet hope for grace, but the devil that is author of all rebellions will not loose his hold, for in the Low Countries we have many mutinous rebellions, and there old soldiers have told me that there never was rebellion when the devil did not converse with them familiarly. Well may God send the King victory, and grant you health and all contentment. [*Extract. In German Correspondence.*]

April 1. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay 56*l.* 14*s.* to John Castle, Esq., Clerk of the Privy Seal, for the like sum disbursed by him in an extraordinary service which did much import us. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 32. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 1. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Browne and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Browne, as the desire of this Committee, that the Nottinghamshire gentlemen may be furnished with 150 backs, breasts, and pots from the Tower, where Mr. Millington informs they now are, and not designed for any service, likewise with 200 pairs of pistols and as many swords for recruiting their horse. 2. That the business of Mr. [Bryan] Stapleton be taken into consideration to-morrow. 3. That a letter of thanks be sent to the Committee of Kent for their great readiness to serve the public. 4. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] do report to the House [of Commons] about the

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500*l.* unpaid of the 1,000*l.* appointed to be sent to the forces with Col. Browne; this money to be sent before Wednesday next, else those forces will be like to return home. 5. That a lord and two commoners, Lord Wharton, Sir Philip Stapleton and Mr. Solicitor St. John, do go to the Militia to see in what state they are about raising those forces that are now to go out as a reserve. 6. That Sir Philip Stapleton do desire the Lord General [Essex] to write to Commissary-General Behre to go to Warwick and attend the service of Gloucester. 7. The like to the Committee of Northampton read and approved of. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 35.]

April 1. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Commanders in Lancashire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire. We have appointed Sir Thomas Fairfax upon a present design, wherein it will be necessary that he has the assistance of your troops. We therefore desire you, upon receipt of his orders, forthwith to march with him for the execution of that design, whose commands therein we desire you will carefully observe, and doubt not of your readiness so to do in regard of the great concernment of it. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Ten copies of this letter were written for troops from Lancashire, Derbyshire, and Nottinghamshire, and sent by Mr. Saml. Taylour of Derby, commended to the Committee by Mr. White, viz., six letters for six troops of horse from Lancashire, two letters for two regiments of foot from thence, a letter for 300 *horse and* 500 *foot from Derbyshire, and one letter for* 200 *horse from Nottinghamshire.* [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 41. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 1. Derby House. The same to Sir Thomas Fairfax. You are forthwith, with all your horse and as many musketeers as you can speedily mount, to march and join with Lord Fairfax's forces, and march towards the Tees, there to make the best advantage of all occasions that shall offer themselves to your judgments, and to take with you such of those forces (for which you receive orders by the bearer) as are ready and enjoin the rest to follow with all speed. You are not to stay until they are all ready. Keep frequent intelligence with the Scots' army, and give us an account from time to time. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Saml. Taylour, who had it sewn up in his sleeve; he was despatched between 7 *and* 8 *p.m.* [*Ibid., p.* 41. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 1. Derby House. The same to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. The Committee of both kingdoms formerly wrote you and Sir Thomas Fairfax to join your forces and march towards the Tees, which we do not understand to be yet put in practice. We conceive it for divers reasons, besides those formerly written, that it is now very necessary to be forthwith put in execution, and therefore we desire that all the horse you can spare, and what foot you can mount for dragoons, joined to Sir

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Thomas's horse and mounted foot, may march towards the Tees, and there make the best improvement of them that may be, either to divert Newcastle's forces, or to join with the Scots, or what else occasion upon the place shall suggest unto the judgment of Sir Thomas Fairfax, as best to be done for the advantage of the service. The list enclosed is of those forces that the Committee have ordered to be joined with them for their future supply, and we desire that for the present you will endeavour what you can to cause such as are presently ready to march, and not to stay at all for the others that are not ready, so that no longer time be lost of doing service in those northern parts, where it may conduce to the service of the whole kingdom, and for such as are not ready that you give order that they follow you with all expedition. We desire that you keep a constant intelligence with the Scots' army, that all advantage may be taken thereby to promote the service. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that this letter was put into cipher by Mr. Weckherlyn, and was the same day about 11 *o'clock, given to Mr. White to be sent to Lord Fairfax.* [*Ibid., p.* 42. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 1. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. We have received your letter of the 1st inst., and cannot but take notice of the extraordinary care and cheerful affections we find in yourselves for the good of the public, and for which we return you our hearty thanks. For the money and provisions you mention to be sent to your countrymen that have so gallantly behaved themselves and well deserved in this late service under Sir Wm. Waller, as we shall for the present only recommend it to your care to send them as you shall understand from themselves their necessities require. And in regard we understand that out of your provident care you have some forces of foot and horse in readiness to march, for a reserve to the forces you have already sent out, we have thought fit upon this occasion to acquaint you that there is an intention of setting forth with all possible speed a considerable strength of horse and foot to be made use of upon occasion for the general good of the kingdom, until the army under his Excellency be fully recruited, which is now in a very hopeful way, and those forces to join with such of his Excellency's as are now in readiness, in which respect we shall desire you that what horse and foot you can spare for this service to give us speedy notice thereof, that accordingly we may give directions concerning the same. The greatest need we stand in is likely to be of horse, and therefore we desire you to employ your principal care that way. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Butler, who carried it to Sir Thos. Walsingham, about 5 *p.m., to be conveyed into Kent.* [*Ibid., p.* 43. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 1. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. The Committee of both kingdoms considering the necessity of relieving of Gloucester, have given order for the same proportions of forces to

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be sent to Commissary-Genl. Behre to Warwick that were with him before for that purpose, and therefore desire you forthwith to send thither for your parts that proportion which you sent before to be commanded by him in that service. You may also take notice that God has been pleased to give good success to the forces with Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour against those of Sir R. Hopton, whose army was wholly routed by them on Friday last. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Gardener, who was despatched between 7 and 8 p.m., and returned on Thursday about 5 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 44. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 2. Coventry. 59. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee for Safety of both kingdoms]. At the earnest solicitation of this Committee and the Committees of Leicester and Northampton, I advanced with the forces of this county [Warwick] and Commissary-General Behre's to Leicester, in hope of joining with other forces to recover the loss sustained at Newark. I remained there from the 24th of last month till Thursday, when, upon the uncertainty of a reinforcement and intelligence from several parts of the advance of the enemy towards us, it was resolved, with the consent of the Commissary-General and other commanders there, that all the horse should be drawn into a body at the rendezvous appointed near the Commissary-General's quarters, and then according to the more certain advertisements of the enemy's march and the hope of joining with the Earl of Manchester's horse—which the Committee of Leicester upon several grounds expected—we might either keep the field or make a safe retreat into Warwickshire. Scouts were sent out, and upon my giving notice thereof to the Committee of Leicester, they did with great instance press me to stay in that county till the next morning, lest my too abrupt leaving them might occasion as much fear as they had received encouragement from the appearance of these forces in a time of eminent danger; giving assured hopes that night of some satisfactory answer from my Lord of Manchester to letters they had sent to invite him to unite his forces with ours for the present service. For this and other reasons I willingly [con]descended to their desires, and after I had made ready three case of drakes, which took up more time than I expected, we marched out with the Governor of Leicester [Henry Grey] to the rendezvous where I desired Mr. [Thos.] Haselrigg would meet me that we might confer together and communicate our intelligence the better to ground the resolutions we were to take. When I came upon the place to my great astonishment I understood Colonel Purefoy's regiment was commanded back by the Commissary-General to the first rendezvous at High Cross, upon the edge of Warwickshire, without any notice given to me of such a change. I sought the Commissary, and not finding him at his own regiment, I was directed to his quarters and thence back to his regiment, which I found upon my return had newly received an order to march towards High Cross. This

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put me into a greater wonder, and engaged me to stop their motion by giving a contrary order, and sending Capt. Hins [Innes] to the Commissary and others, to let him know the necessity of hearing such advertisements as the Governor of Leicester and Mr. Haselrigg had to communicate before we could take any resolution. All the answer was that the troops should march; whereupon I put myself at the head of the regiment and gave peremptory commands they should make a stand, telling them if they were resolved to march on they should march over me; and sent again to the Commissary to let him know, that by this proceeding, he had broken his promise to me before our setting forth, wherein he condescended to obey my orders as his commander-in-chief as long as that action should last, the Lord General [Earl of Essex] having assigned him for the service of Wem under me, the expedition for Gloucester being first brought to a conclusion. This respect appeared in him very voluntary, for telling him, before our setting forth, that if he stood upon points of honour, rather than the service should miscarry I would stay at home, or if he pleased to let me have the 200 horse assigned me by your Lordship for Shropshire, I would march thither according to your directions, and he might dispose of the rest; he refused and chose rather to submit to my command and follow my orders, which till that instant he had received with all civility and application to me. Notwithstanding this remonstrance which so nearly touched him in point of honour, Captain Hins [Innes] returned the second time with a more resolute command that they should march, which though I opposed with all the persuasions and threats I could use, they got of one side of me and by force prevailed, [I] having nothing left with me but some few officers of mine, and a just resentment for so high an injury, till the troops of Northampton, moved with the honour of our nation and the barbarity of my usage against all discipline of war and common civility, offered me their service and gave themselves up wholly to my direction, which I was glad to accept. This disorderly and sudden retreat might well have drawn the enemy into those parts, as it gave great discontent to the Governor of Leicester and Mr. Haselrigg, who thought themselves more prejudiced by such a shameful departure than before advantaged by my coming. But since it hath pleased God to divert those inconveniences I shall only desire such a reparation as may stand with honour and justice. I shall acquaint you with my unhappy condition here, that as formerly some persons in the Committee of Coventry have opposed me in the assistance I would have given to Shropshire,—which may well be thought the occasion of those losses we are put to there,—so upon my agreeing to take the advice of the Committee in all military affairs so wrong a use is made of my compliance that I can neither manage the affairs of war with expedition or secrecy, nor can I use the authority given me by Parliament to raise forces by reason of their opposition, as appears by the enclosed order of the Committee sent to me at Warwick, whither I went to raise forces by calling in the country;

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which but the day before the Committee then sitting, and many of those whose names were set to that order, consented unto. Since they propounded ways of raising forces which I knew would not prove effectual, and yet by adding a clause which the Committee would not assent to I am in a probable way of raising 400 horse by way of free contribution, wherein the Committee will in no kind give any assistance, as if they feared nothing so much as my raising forces, though I offered to maintain them without charge to this county. Had not these interruptions interposed, and Commissary-General Behre's forces by their plundering and intolerable insolences discontented the people, I may with confidence affirm the number had been doubled. To prevent future inconveniences of this nature and be the better enabled to defend this Association and to oppose the Irish, which flow so much into these adjacent parts, I offer to your consideration the enclosed proposition given me by several gentlemen of this Association, which I hope will not be thought unreasonable, since there is no more desired than what is already conferred upon me by the Ordinance of Parliament, and which all commanders-in-chief exercise in their several Associations, and without which it will be impossible to perform any remarkable service with honour or success. Our scouts bring news that Prince Rupert, with all his forces, is about Lichfield. Thanks for the communication of the victory in the west, which came seasonably to make a reparation with advantage for that business at Newark. I have often desired a list of the forces from this Committee, but cannot prevail; your Lordships giving me assistance in the exercise of my power will enable me to obey your commands in this as in all other services. [8 *pp.*]

April 2. Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer, to pay 1,000*l.* upon accompt to Leonard Pinkney, Esq., Commissary-General for the victualing of our foot army, to be employed towards the victualing of the said army and garrisons. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 35. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 2. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton. and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., and Messrs. Wallop, Browne, aud Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Committee of Militia be desired to use their endeavour, and particularly by sending some of their number, to persuade the City forces with Sir Wm. Waller to tarry yet there for some time. And that Sir Arthur Haselrigg do go to the Committee of Militia about that business. 2. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to write to Commissary-General Behre and to the other forces designed for the convoy to go to Warwick to attend the opportunity of relieving Gloucester. 3. That the Lord General be desired to appoint the City forces of horse and foot to be at Uxbridge on Friday next. 4. That the Lord Admiral [Warwick] be desired to despatch away Captain Kerse into the Irish seas toward Scotland. 5. That Sir H. Vane, junr., do acquaint the Committee at Gold-

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smiths' Hall that this Committee thinks it necessary that a considerable sum be speedily sent to the Scotts' army, and that they be desired to let this Committee know what proportion and in what time it can be in readiness to be sent away. 6. That the letter from the Committees of both kingdoms in the Scotts' army to the Committee of both kingdoms here be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir Philip Stapleton it being the earnest desire of this Committee that all means may be used to supply that army. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 36.]

April 3. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Wallop and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the horse and foot ready to march be at once dispatched to Sir W. Waller, and not tarry till all be ready. 2. That Sir Philip Stapleton do speak to Lord General [Essex] to write to Commissary-General Behre to go to Warwick about the business of Gloucester. 3. That Sir Philip Stapleton do declare to the Lord General the resolution of this Committee about sending the City forces toward Sir W. Waller and to desire him to appoint a rendezvous. 4. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do go to the Militia to acquaint them with the necessity of their forces going to Sir W. Waller with all expedition lest the fruit of the victory should be lost. 5. That he do also deliver to the Committee of Militia [the recommendation] that the brigade, which is now to go forth with Sir Wm., be put under the command of Col. Harvey. 6. That he likewise do represent to the Militia that they send a sufficient strength to Windsor in order that the garrison there may be sent to Sir W. Waller. 7. That the gentlemen from Herts. be called in and informed that this Committee has had further intelligence of the necessity of putting a body into the field; and therefore that they will send to that county a command to make ready a regiment of foot to march toward Kingston. 8. That a letter now read be sent to the Committee of Kent. 9. That a letter now read be sent to Sir H. Vane, senr., together with a copy of the letter of the Kentish Committee to this Committee, and the answer to the same. 10. That Sir Walter Erle, M.P., be entreated to be here to-morrow, when Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe and the officers of Ordnance are required to attend to give information about the stores of the magazines. 11. That Thursday in each week be appointed for considering about money and the magazines. 12. That letters be written to Sir W. Waller and Sir W. Balfour, informing them of the force that is coming toward them, and that this Committee will advertise them of any other forces that may draw toward them. They are to keep a vigilant eye on the enemy's motions. Their money is ready, and tarries only to come with this convoy. 13. That Mr. [Robt.] Wallop, M.P., do report to the House the desire of this Committee that 3,000*l.* may be provided for payment of the garrison of Aylesbury because there may be use made of them in this present expedition. 14. That Sir Philip Stapleton and Sir H. Vane be desired to speak with

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Mr. Stapley about the garrison at Chichester to know what can be spared of it to go to Sir W. Waller, and to desire his presence here if it be necessary. 15. That Mr. [Robt.] Wallop do speak with the gentlemen of Surrey for securing the gunpowder mills near Guildford, and that this Committee be certified of the state thereof, and what shall be done for security thereof. 16. That Lord Say and Sir Phil. Stapleton be desired to report to the Houses respectively the paper and letters now presented to this Committee by the Scotts' Commissioners. 17. That the Eastland merchants and the Merchant Adventurers be desired to be here to-morrow afternoon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 36, 37.]

April 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. Considering the consequence of prosecuting that victory which it has pleased God to give you, and being desirous that you should do it thoroughly and with security, we have thought fit to appoint those additional forces to be sent to you, whereof a list is enclosed, and of whose approach towards you advice shall be continually given you, and we doubt not but you will keep a vigilant eye upon the motions of the enemy, and what you understand thereof you will certify to us. Money is ready to come to you for both of your forces, and only tarries to come with security under the convoy of those forces that are now marching towards you. Besides these forces there will be a further reserve speedily ready both of my Lord General's army and other forces to be employed as occasion shall offer. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

[*Sent by a scout of the Lord General's at* 9 *p.m., and carried to Essex House by Mr. Butler. Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 44, 45, *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

April 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. Your letter came very seasonably to us informing us of a regiment of horse that may be made for the service of the kingdom. In regard we have intelligence that the enemy gathering all the strength of horse and foot they can to fall upon the forces under Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour, in which, if they should prevail, yourselves can easily judge of what concernment it would be not only in regard of the kingdom in general but of your county in particular. We must, therefore, desire you that with all possible expedition that regiment of horse may be sent to Sir Wm. Waller which will be of extraordinary service, to be there in point of time, considering the intentions of the enemy. We hope this service will not require the stay of this regiment above a month, and therefore doubt not but we may assure ourselves of the affections of your county for a month's pay for them, in all which we are confident of your forwardness and care from the experience we have of your zeal to the service of the kingdom, and desire your speedy answer hereto. P.S.—What you do herein do with all possible speed, expedition

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being as much as the thing itself, as the affairs are. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Despatched at 9 p.m. by Mr. Butler, who carried it to Sir Thos. Walsingham, and he promised to send it next morning. [*Ibid., p.* 45. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 3. Derby House. The same to Sir Henry Vane, senior. The intelligence we have that the enemy is advancing with all the strength he can make to fall upon Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour has caused us to send from hence all the foot and horse that are ready to join with those forces, and we have written to the Committee of Kent for a regiment of horse forthwith to march thither, which we conceive to be a business of so absolute necessity to be speedied that, besides our general letter to the Committee, we thought fit to recommend the speedying hereof to your particular care and to advertise us of what progress is made herein with all possible diligence. We desire the regiment may not stay for any new order, but march directly to Sir Wm. Waller upon receipt of this letter. Signed and despatched as above. [*Ibid., p.* 46. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 4. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. To pay to George, Kirke, Esq., Gentleman of our Robes, 250*l.* upon account for provision of apparel for our own royal person. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 40. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 4. 60. Order of both Houses. That a proportionable part of the salt-petre bought of Mr. Courten be delivered to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, by the Committee for Safety of the kingdom as shall suffice for providing 600 barrels of gunpowder at 4*l.* 10*s.* per barrel. And the Lieutenant of the Ordnance is required upon the credit of the salt-petre to make present provision of the 600 barrels of powder for supplying the stores of the navy. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii., p.* 448. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 4. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Essex and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Phil. Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Browne, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee of [the Militia] to-morrow. 2. That the gentlemen of Sussex, Surrey, and Hants. be desired to be here to-morrow. 3. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg be desired to go to the Committee of Militia and to the Common Council [of the City] in the name of this Committee to desire them to send presently away that force they have ready towards Sir Wm. Waller, and to hasten the rest. 4. That Lord Maitland and the Solicitor General [St. John] be also desired to go to the Committee of the Militia and to the Common Council for the purpose aforesaid. 5. The letter to Major-General Browne read and approved of. 6. That Colonel Stapley be desired to go into Sussex to expedite the raising of forces there, and to give an account both of the progress and of the obstacles thereof. 7. That Mr. [John] Crew shall take the paper now given in by the

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Derbyshire men and show it to Sir John Curson, and see if the business can be composed to both their contents, and to desire Sir John Curson to come here to-morrow if there be cause. 8. That the business of Jersey and Guernsey now offered by the Lord Admiral [Warwick] be taken into consideration to-morrow. 9. That Sir Philip Stapleton be desired to speak with the General of Ordnance, and desire from him a certificate of the quantity of arms and ammunition which are in the stores at the army. 10. That Mr. Weckherlin make a breviate of the letters now presented. 11. That the business of Gloucester be taken into consideration to-morrow. 12. That Sir Philip Stapleton do desire the Lord General to send an express to Sir Wm. Waller to advertise him of the King's drawing his forces together. 13. That a copy of the letter sent to the Lord General be sent to Sir Henry Vane, senr., now in Kent, and to the Committee there. 14. This Committee, taking into their consideration the letter from the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scotts' army concerning what correspondence was fit to be held with the Crown of Sweden, do order that it be reported to the House [of Commons] to-morrow as the opinion of this Committee by Sir Henry Vane—That there be some persons in the nature of Agents from both kingdoms sent with all speed to the Swedes with instructions to maintain a good correspondence with the Crown, and such as may be an occasion of nearer alliance with the same. [*Interregnum 7 E. Book of Orders, pp.* 38, 39.]

April 4. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Henry Vane, senior. My Lord General has received letters which he has communicated to the Committee assuring from eye-witnesses that the King is drawing his forces together, and the rendezvous is appointed at Marlborough on Saturday next. The garrison is all marched out of Reading, and the report is that they will presently face Sir Wm. Waller again and do their utmost to recover their losses, by which you will see the great necessity of all expedition to be made in the dispatching away of those additional forces that are appointed to be sent to Sir Wm. Waller. We therefore desire you to do your uttermost to promote the sending away of that regiment of horse which in our letter of the 3rd instant we desired. We should not have written so soon after our former letter but that this renewed intelligence of their speedy growing requires all possible diligence to obviate, in which we are well assured you will not be any way wanting. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Note, that a similar letter was sent to the Committee of Kent, this clause being added, "having had experience of your zeal and care for the public." These letters were sent by Rowland Fawkerd from hence, 4th April, about 10 *p.m. He returned on Friday, 5th April, about* 4 *p.m.* [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 46, 47. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 4. Derby House. The same to Col. Browne. We have received notice that since the victory which it pleased God to bless your endeavours

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withal the enemy is doing his utmost to rally and re-collect his forces so as to fall again upon that army and take from you (at a second and unexpected attempt) the honour, and from the kingdom the fruit of those labours, and that he resolves speedily to put some design upon you for which purpose they take their men out of all their garrisons and strip the country of all their horses where they come. To obviate their undertakings, and to make that army able with effect and security to prosecute their victory to a happy issue, we have ordered some additional forces from divers parts to march to you, which shall be with all possible expedition, and we are assured few days will effect it. In the meantime we desire you, both for the reputation of the action and also for the safety of your own retreat, not to withdraw those forces, and are very well assured that in respect of the engagement of your honour and the common safety you will need no other arguments from us but this advertisement, and we desire you to communicate this letter to your officers, of whose good affection to this work and desire to perfect it we doubt not. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that this letter was delivered to Sir Arthur Haselrigg about 4 p.m., who carried it to the Committee for the Militia of London to be sent away. [*Ibid., pp.* 47, 48. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

April 5. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. There being but one Scottish Commissioner present there was no vote passed. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 39.]

April 5. 61. Order of the Committee of the Navy appointed by Parliament,—That the sum of 3,292*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d.* shall be paid to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, out of the first money arising out of the prize goods lately brought in at Portsmouth, towards payment of the said sum, for which Erle and the Officers of Ordnance have engaged their credits to the artificers and others who are to furnish the stores for the setting forth of this summer's fleet. [*Certified copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 6. Aylesbury. 62. G. Palmer to the Committees for General Accompts of the kingdom at London. I received your letter of 30th March, and will give you account of the particulars mentioned therein, but at present I stand so engaged in the service for sequestration within this county [of Bucks] that I have no leisure to draw up those particulars for your satisfaction. I have sent out warrants for three several hundreds to appear between this and the end of this month, nothing having hitherto been done [in this business] by reason of the presence here of the King's forces, who have imposed contributions on the inhabitants. We have taken advantage of this opportunity to sequester those estates and secure the rents now due, if the inhabitants can be got to appear, being in danger to be spoiled of their goods if it be known they obey any warrants from the Committees of Parliament. For these reasons I hope you will please to dispense with my attendance till this service be over. P.S.—At this instant I received your letter for Bedds., and when the

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business I have written of is over, I shall give you a full account for both counties. Bedds. is wholly done, not having the like causes of impediment as Bucks. [*Seal with device.* 1 *p.*]

April 6. Coventry. 63. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee for Safety of both kingdoms]. It has pleased God to give a happy success to two attempts made by Lieutenant-Colonel Ferrar and Major Bridges to relieve Gloucester, having at several times conveyed 30 barrels of powder, 200 weight of brimstone, and 500 weight of match, by means of small parties and the great diversions made in other parts by our late victories. Yet upon pretence of late orders from the Lord General, Commissary Behre is willing to have his share in what hath been already so successfully performed by others, having surprised us by his sudden return and giving orders to put all things in readiness for his march to Gloucester, though the 40 horse with panniers which, of the 60 assigned by your Lordships, were all that could be found here for that service, were already employed and sent thither but not returned. This with other reasons moved the Committee and myself to send the enclosed paper to the Commissary, to which others were added concerning myself, but thought fit by the Committee to be left out in regard of the late difference betwixt us, though I declared my readiness to join with him in all public occasions, which I held unfit to put in balance with my private interests, till you should dispose otherwise of me; wherein I am confident in due time you will do me that right that I shall not continue long under these sufferings nor be subject to interruptions of this nature in the exercise of a power conferred on me by both Houses of Parliament and the [Earl of Essex] Lord General. The reasons concerning myself were that his [Commissary Behre's] lying here upon free quarter and the disorders of his soldiers would divert the country from bringing in horses to complete my regiment, and hinder the people from enlisting in my regiment of foot; of both these I have had sad experience, being forced to abate much of the proportion of horse the country was willing to bring in, upon their just complaints of the insolent behaviour and plunderings of Commissary Behre's forces, of their unjust taxes of horse, money, and provisions, and the unequal distribution of his men in their quarters, sometimes 20 or 30 of them having defrayed themselves for diet and provender at the charge of one poor family; and since my return from Leicester in the absence of the Earl of Manchester's forces, upon which the Commissary was willing to lay the burthen of the miscarriages of his men, some of his own troop, who are all Dutchmen, so plundered and wounded the people near some towns belonging to me, where my officers were then raising my own company of foot, and so disaffected them, that I could not raise any considerable number, though amongst my own tenants. Their injuries had been more insufferable had not an officer of mine frighted them away with the report of Prince Rupert's drawing near, and giving the same alarum to the Commissary, then at my cousin Sir William Boughton's house, he held

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it fit to remove into Northamptonshire, which before he had promised to Colonel Purefoy and myself. By the enclosed from Stafford you will perceive how prejudicial these distractions are likely to prove to Wem. [3½ *pp.*]

April 6. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Essex and Warwick, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Henry Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Wallop and Crew. Ordered, 1. That the Committee meet again to-morrow in the afternoon. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg do go to the Committee of the Militia to desire them to send a convoy with the money to Sir Wm. Waller. 2. To consider of the business of Colonel Stapley on Monday next. 3. That the Earl of Manchester be desired to march with what force of horse and foot he can to the place of rendezvous and to bring what horse he can. 4. That the two letters to the Committee of Kent be sent down to Sir H. Vane. 5. That a letter be written to Lord Grey to send his regiment to this service, and one to co. Leicester to send a month's pay. 6. The like to Northampton to send 200 horse and 500 foot, with ammunition. 7. Do. to the Committee of Herts. for a regiment of their foot, and to send a month's pay. 8. Do. to Col. Purefoy to march with his regiment to the rendezvous for this service. Do. to the Committee at Coventry to furnish that regiment with a month's pay, and to the Earl of Denbigh to further the same. 9. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to write to Comy. General Behr to consider whether the relief of Gloucester can be effected with the force he has, if not, then to come away for this service. 10. That such forces shall be drawn out of this city as now can be spared for this service. 11. That such of the forces as are under the immediate command of his Excellency [the Lord General Essex], and can be ready, be drawn out to this service. 12. That Sir Philip Stapleton do report to the Commons on Monday what is done by this Committee in pursuance of their order. To tender this advice to the House, that some course be taken with the counties for supply of corn to make biscuit, for cheese and butter for victualing the army, for oats for the horses, likewise [to supply] horses for service and for draught. That the Houses will stir up the City to assist in this service, with as great a proportion of horse and foot as possibly they can. And that some way be thought on for [providing] 1,000 barrels of gunpowder and ammunition proportionable both for a magazine and to furnish this service. 13. To write to Col. Purefoy that if he see the way open to Gloucester, that he can go thither with safety, then to go notwithstanding the former letter, and join with Col. Massey to do service there, but if the way be not open then to come to Aylesbury according to the former letters. 14. That Mr. Solicitor [St. John] do speak with the Gloucestershire gentlemen to prepare ammunition and money to be sent to Gloucester. 15. That Sir Henry Vane do report to the House the paper now offered by the Scotts' Com-

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missioners. 16. That the chairman and one of the Scotts' Commissioners may give passes and post-warrants. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 39, 40.]

April 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir John Gell and others. It having pleased the Divine goodness to bless with a very happy and seasonable success those forces that are with Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour against the forces commanded by Sir R. Hopton (the Earl of Forth being also upon the place), we have thought fit to give you this short account of it. That upon Friday the 29th of March (the forces having faced each other for two days before) they began the fight near Cheriton, a village in Hampshire, not far from Winchester, about 8 in the morning, which held doubtful for some time, but ended at night with the total rout of the whole army of Sir Ralph Hopton, their foot wholly scattered, and their arms lost and thrown away. They drew off their cannon and carriages undiscerned of our men, which marched away with some of their horse and could not be followed in the night, yet their horse were also mainly shaken, and especially the Queen's regiment. Amongst those that are slain it is reported by their prisoners that Lord John [Stuart], brother to the Duke of Richmond, is one besides some others of quality, and many wounded, among whom is the Earl of Forth, as their prisoners report. Of prisoners there are 2 Colonels, 1 Lieutenant-Colonel, 7 Captains, 20 other officers, and 300 common soldiers. The enemy's forces were about 10,000, ours not so many. They have only one prisoner of ours, Capt. Milton, one of the City captains. We trust such use shall be made of this victory, through the blessing of Him that gave it, that the whole West may in a short time be reduced and delivered from under their power. Signed by Phil. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Fleetwood. *Underwritten,*

[*Note, that copies were sent*] *to Colonels Hutchinson, Moore, Ashton, and Rigby, to Mr. Hunt, and to Leicester and Nantwich.* [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 48, 49. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 6. Derby House. The same to Colonels Moore, Ashton, and Rigby. Having been informed that divers forces have gone out of Westmoreland to Newcastle's army to the increase thereof and also to the western borders of Scotland, of which it is very necessary that a present diversion be made for the better facilitating the progress of the Scots' army, we therefore desire you forthwith to draw out 1,000 of your best horse and foot into Lancaster and those parts adjoining to Westmoreland and join them with the forces of Col. Dodding, and to make such use of them for a diversion as occasion shall offer to your judgment being upon the place. We have also ordered diversions to be made in Yorkshire to the end the army of Newcastle, being thereby weakened in the Bishopric, the Scots' army may the better deal with the rest for the clearing of the country, enlarging, and for finishing the war in those parts, which service we commend to your special care and speedy execution. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 49. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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April 6. Derby House. The same to Colonels Moore and Rigby. By a letter we have seen under Col. Moore's own hand, we perceive there are some jealousies amongst you of the fidelity of Col. Dodding. We should be very sorry that he who has done so well and suffered so much for this cause when the condition of it was to sense more doubtful, should now (when by the great goodness of God it begins everywhere to gather strength and grow more assured) entertain any thoughts of deserting the same. We are very tender of his reputation, and are desirous, without blemishing the same, to take from him all opportunity of declaring himself, and thereby to do so great a disservice to the cause and to bring your country again into new troubles and dangers. As an expedient to prevent which we have thought fit that you raise 1,000 men and with them march to Lancaster under the pretence of making a diversion only, as we have expressed in our other letter (which therefore you are to make public) and conceal all other intents. Being there you are to find means to possess yourselves of Lancaster Castle, whereby you will easily prevent his declaring himself, or if he should you may easily secure all against him, if you do not continue him in his duty; we are well assured of your wisdom and judgment for the managing of this business, and know that it is very necessary that he be kept from declaring himself against the cause, for that once done he is lost to all further service. Keep this therefore with all secrecy to yourselves, and act the rest with all possible expedition, unless you see cause to continue your confidence in him, which we leave to the consideration of your judgment. Signed and sent as above. *Underwritten,*

Note, that this letter was enclosed to Mr. Hunt, who was desired to deliver it privately. [*Ibid., p.* 50. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 6. Derby House. The same to the Deputy Lieutenants of Lancashire. The great service you have done to the common cause of the kingdom in clearing your county of your enemies and so worthily defending it against them (besides the help by you afforded to your neighbours) is such as not only deserves acceptance, but also requires thanks, and we doubt not but you have such a sense of the fruit of your labours in what you enjoy thereby (beyond those that lie under the power of the enemy) that you shall need no other arguments from us to persuade you to maintain the good condition you have purchased. And among all your services we cannot but let you know how acceptable it was to us and of how great use to the public that you have furnished that noble gent. Sir Thomas Fairfax, a man of so much worth and honour and so much deserving of the State, with some seasonable and considerable sums of money, for the supply of his troops, without which they had in likelihood been so weakened as he would have been disabled for the execution of what we have designed him unto, wherein we trust, by the blessing of God, the success will be such as you will have much content in having been conducing to the work, yet we cannot but let you know that rumour and report here give out that some of you should have declared against some proceedings of Sir Thos. Fairfax

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among you, which we cannot be induced to believe both in respect of him whom we know to be a gentleman of much wisdom, integrity, and honour, and who has managed all his actions with so great a judgment as they have still (by the blessing of God) been successful in themselves, and of great service to the common cause. And therefore must believe that his actions there have been also such as cannot deserve a declaration against him, and especially from men of your wisdom and temper, who we cannot believe should attempt any public act against their Commander-in-Chief, before they had acquainted the Parliament with it. And will therefore believe they are but groundless rumours, and that we shall hear no further of it. Your want of arms and ammunition is represented unto us by some of your countrymen which we shall endeavour to supply as soon as possible, and desire you will continue that unanimous care for the defence of your country by which you have vindicated it, and doubt you not but your good services and great charges are taken into consideration. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

This was sent with eight more, six of them being relations of the victory, directed to several persons and places, viz., to Colonels Moore, Ashton, Rigby, and others, by Mr. Fleetwood, who was despatched hence between 5 and 6 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 51, 52. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

April 6. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. Having received certain intelligence that the King is drawing all his force together into a body both out of his garrisons and otherwise, and considering what danger it will be to the whole kingdom if we should not have a power in the field that might be able to oppose the same, and to fight with them if opportunity shall offer, we have therefore thought fit also with all expedition to draw together all our forces in those parts of the kingdom into one body, hoping it may be a good means by the blessing of God to put a speedy and happy period to these unhappy distractions. We do therefore desire you to march with all the force you can make of horse and foot, and especially of horse, that can be spared from your Association, leaving only what may be for the safety of your necessary places of garrison towards Aylesbury, and that you will be there on Friday the 19th inst., and certify us what forces of each kind you shall be able to bring to the rendezvous at that time. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Jennings from hence about 7 p.m.; he returned on Monday, April 8, about 4 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 52, 53. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Knole, co. Kent. By fresh intelligence which we receive from several hands, we are informed that the King is gathering all the force he can to fall upon Sir Wm. Waller's forces, and himself, as is said, intends to be with them in person, in which respect we are the more confirmed in our

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opinion of the necessity of sending away your regiment of horse with all speed to Sir Wm. Waller, whose main body lies now at Rumsey. He having taken Christchurch a place of importance near Poole with a regiment of foot in it with their Colonel Sir John Mills and many other gentlemen of quality, from thence he is marched with a party to take in Weymouth. We are despatching away with all speed what strength of horse and foot are in readiness to join with Sir Wm. Waller's forces, amongst which we depend upon your regiment of horse. It is very true when we first wrote to you about sending forth additional forces we did not then think of sending out some of the Lord General's forces with others for a reserve under the command of Major-General Skippon, but since, finding that the preparations of the enemy require the sending away of such forces as are in readiness for the present, we thereupon resolved to fall upon that course which might be most speedy, which was the cause of our sending direction to yourselves for your regiment of horse to march directly to Sir Wm. Waller's forces at Rumsey. In which we are confident no endeavours will be wanting in yourselves. We desire to hear from you speedily. Signed as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 54, 55. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 7. [Derby House.] Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Wallop and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee of the Militia, to desire them to stay their forces abroad in regard of their own danger to return, having no horse for their convoy, and for that there are some forces now upon their march for their relief; and to desire the militia to send some of their own number to them for that purpose. 2. That a letter be written to Major-General Browne and his officers to that effect. 3. That a letter be written to the Committee of Kent, to desire them to send their regiment of horse to Kingston upon Tuesday next, where the City regiments will be at that time. 4. That a letter be written to Waller and Balfour, to let them know what forces are coming presently to their assistance, and that the enemy are gathering all their forces together, and therefore to be vigilant. Also to acquaint them with the resolutions taken by the Committee for gathering all our forces to a rendezvous, and to let them know in general the news from York sent from Hull. 5. The Earl of Manchester to be desired to bring with him ammunition and artillery; and to inform him of the directions given to Herts. 6. That the news from Yorkshire concerning the Scotts' army and Sir Thos. Fairfax be added in a postscript to all the letters to be sent at this time from this Committee. 7. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir Philip Stapleton, as the desire of this Committee, to provide speedily 3,000*l.* for the garrison at Aylesbury, to enable them to march. 8. That it be offered to the gentlemen of the western parts by Mr. Wallop to take Col. Thomson into the service of their Association, and to be paid by them accordingly. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 40, 41.]

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April 7. Note, that letters from the Committee of both kingdoms, to the same effect as that sent to the Earl of Manchester on the 6th April, were this day sent by Lord Wharton for Colonel Purefoy and for the Committees at Coventry, Hertford, Northampton, and Leicester, also for the Earl of Denbigh and Lord Grey. The letter for Northampton had a clause inserted, "for convenient ammunition," and that for Leicester a clause, "for one month's pay." [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 53 = ¼ *p.*]

April 7. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee in Kent. Upon the constant intelligence which we have of the enemies' resolution to gather all the strength they can to fall upon Sir Wm. Waller's forces, we are very solicitous to send away what strength we can for to speedily join with them, and to this effect have prevailed with the City to send forth two or three regiments of foot, who will be at Kingston on Tuesday night next, in expectation to meet with some horse there besides what goes out of the City. In which respect we thought fit to desire you that your regiment of horse may not fail to be at Kingston at the same time. We hear from Hull that the Earl of Newcastle's forces received a blow on Thursday seven-night by the Scots, and that Lord Fairfax and his son are joined in Yorkshire and make up 2,000 horse and 4,000 foot going to join with the Scots' army Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Butler, between 7 *and* 8 *p.m., to Sir Thos. Walsingham, to have it forwarded.* [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 53, 54. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

April 7. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. The several informations we have of the King's drawing all his forces together have made us appoint a general rendezvous of the Lord General's army with what supply the City will send out, the whole forces under the Earl of Manchester, and all that can be drawn together out of all the country and garrisons on this side Trent, on Friday come sevennight the 19th inst. The place appointed is Aylesbury. The supply marcheth out of this city towards you to-morrow, the trained bands of the Hamlets, the auxiliaries of Westminster, and those of Southwark; the horses under Col. Harvie will not be ready so soon, but we hope the Kentish regiment of horse shall meet the City foot on Tuesday night at Kingston, and we have written to that Committee to that effect. Our preparations being in this forwardness we are confident you will be very watchful over yourselves and look to the motions of the enemy, giving us daily intelligence of what passes, as we shall to you upon all occasions. Sir Hen. Cholmoley has come from Hull, and reports that the Scots have given the Earl of Newcastle a good blow, which is also confirmed by letters, and that Lord Fairfax and his son have a good body together of 4,000 foot and above 2,000 horse. Leeds is taken by Sir Thos. Fairfax, and they are marching towards the Tees. We have written to the City forces again to stay with you, and to the Militia of London to send one to them to persuade them to it.

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Your money will come up with your supply. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

Sent about 9 p.m. into London by John Priestley to the Scoutmaster-General. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18, *pp.* 55, 56. *Copy* =1 *p.*]

April 7. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Militia. Having received notice that the forces under the command of Col. Browne are returning home, we think it necessary to desire you to write to them with all speed to stay; their return at this time, when most of our forces on this side Trent are drawing thitherward, would not only prove inconvenient to the public service but dangerous to themselves, who, being without horse, might be in danger to be cut off. The Committee thinks this to be of such importance that they desire that some of yourselves would go down to persuade their stay. The Committee has written to Col. Browne and his officers to the same purpose. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 56. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 7. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne and his field officers. Having received intelligence that your forces have an intention to return home, we think it necessary to entreat your longer stay, in regard that the King is drawing all the forces he can together, and with them in his own person to fall upon Sir Wm. Balfour and Sir Wm. Waller, and therefore the Committee have commanded most of our forces on this side Trent to come up to [Waller's] assistance, and if at this time you should march away it would not only prove exceeding prejudicial to the public by discouraging our own party and encouraging the enemy, but dangerous to themselves to be cut off in their march being without horse. We are well assured of your good affections and courage, whereof you have given ample testimony in your late service, and we doubt not of the continuance thereof by your stay for some longer time. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 57. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 7. Derby House. The same to Col. Purefoy. We have written to you to march with your regiment of horse to be at Aylesbury on the 29th inst. as the place of the general rendezvous, yet if you find the way to Gloucester to be open so as you may safely march thither, whether the ammunition be gone or not, we desire that you will, notwithstanding that letter, go to Gloucester and join your forces to Col. Massie, who we doubt not with the assistance of your horse will be able to do very good service there in the county while we are facing the enemy. But if you find the way for the present shut up then we would not have you spend any time in waiting for an opportunity, but to come to Aylesbury according to that letter. Signed as above and sent to Lord Wharton to be forwarded with many others by Rowland Fawkerd. [*Ibid., p.* 58. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 8. 64. Order of the Commons' House. That there shall be a collection made on Tuesday, 9th April, being a day appointed for Public Thanksgiving for the great victory obtained by the forces

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under Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour over the army of Sir Ralph Hopton, in all the parish churches and chapels in and about London and Westminster, that are included in the weekly bill of mortality, toward the relief of sick and maimed soldiers, the money so collected to be paid in to the treasurers at Tallow-chandlers' Hall near Dowgate, on the 12th present. It is likewise ordered that the ministers of the several parishes and chapels shall earnestly persuade the people freely to contribute to this so pious, charitable, and honourable a work, it being for those who have, and will be ready again to venture their lives for the defence of all our lives, liberties, and religion. [*Printed Form.* 1 *p.*] *Dorso,*

64 i. *Receipt by Wm. Greenhill for* 15*s.* 3½*d. received of the churchwardens of Islington for sick and maimed soldiers, and the widows whose husbands were slain in the Parliament service.* [¼ *p.*]

April 8. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Lord General [Essex], Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont and Crew. Ordered, 1. That the business of Shropshire and Wem be first taken into consideration on Wednesday next. 2. That the regiment of Herts. do go to Hitchen, where they shall receive further orders. 3. That in pursuance of the ordinance of both Houses of the 8th inst., it is ordered that the Committee of the Militia shall send out the regiment of trained bands of the Tower Hamlets, the regiment of the auxiliaries of Southwark, and the regiment of the auxiliaries of Westminster, to go to Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 41.]

April 8. Paris. Coat of arms claimed by Bonaventura Ireland, LL.D., as son of Robert Ireland, a native of Angus in Scotland, who going to reside in the Academy of Poitiers in France in 1521, obtained letters of naturalization from Francis I. In order to show that the house of Ireland is noble in France as well as in Scotland, from which the former is descended, it is desired to have letters patent of the King of England as customary in such cases. Sketch of the shield with the arms claimed. *Underwritten,*

Mr. Cotel brought this for Ireland to be certified [*at the College of Arms*] *but nothing was done because not found.* [*Vol. cccl.x., p.* 240. *Latin and French.* 1 *p.*]

April 9. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. This being the day of General Thanksgiving no Committee sat. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 41. *Day Book of Orders.*]

April 9. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. Whereas we are pleased to command Robert Slingsby, Esq., to transport himself beyond sea as our Commissioner to perform such service as we have intrusted to him, and for his entertainment are pleased to allow him 40*s.* a day, to begin from the 1st present, and to continue till the day of his return into our presence; which allowance

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we require you to cause to be paid to him or his assigns, also to advance to him by way of imprest 100*l.*, to be afterwards defalked upon his said entertainment, and to cause to be paid to him for his transportation, posting charges, intelligences, sending of letters and other private services such sums as shall appear to be due upon his bills, being subscribed by one of the Principal Secretaries of State. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *pp.* 41, 42. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

April 10. Colchester. 65. Henry Barrington to Oliver Cloberry and the rest of the Committee [for General Accounts], at the house of the late Alderman Freeman in Cornhill, London. I received yours of the 3rd March, but must ask extension of time till next week, when I will make a full report to you of all the estates sequestered, money received, money not received, and money paid by me. [*Seal with device.* ½ *p.*]

April 10. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Wharton, Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Recorder, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be reported to the Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Pierpont respectively, that there can be no intelligence expected from this Committee out of the King's quarters in regard none will undertake the same until an oath of secrecy be taken by this Committee. 2. That letters be written into Lancashire to send the two regiments of Cols. Booth and Holland, and to make them up with musketeers to 2,000. Also to send what horse they can spare, under Lord Denbigh's orders, to march for the relief of Wem. 3. That Cheshire do contribute 600 musketeers and all their horse for this service of the relief of Wem. 4. That 300 foot and 200 of Col. Fox's horse, or such other as the Earl of Denbigh can raise in co. Warwick, do go to the relief of Wem. 5. That all the Staffordshire horse and foot be employed for the same service. 6. Letters to be sent to the Earl of Denbigh and the several Committees for putting this service in execution. 7. That it be delivered to the officers of Windsor garrison, as the opinion of this Committee, that they receiving the 1,000*l.* appointed them, it is expected they should be ready to march. 8. That Sir Ph. Stapleton do desire the Lord General [Essex] to certify this Committee of the state of his recruits that this Committee may assist what they can. 9. That an order be drafted from this Committee to Col. Stapley to go to Chichester and recruit the garrison to 800 and keep them together for the safety of that city. 10. Form of the order to Col. Stapley to repair to Chichester or any other part of Sussex in order to prevent the disbanding of his regiment. He is hereby required to use his best endeavours to hasten away to Sir W. Waller the forces which that county ought to supply according to the ordinance for that Association, and to recruit his regiment as he best can, until he receive further directions from this Committee. 11. That in pursuance of an order of both Houses sent to this

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Committee it is desired that the Clerks of both Houses do prepare 14 or 15 copies of the letter to be sent to so many counties for providing of victuals and horses now to be sent out, and to get the same signed by the Speakers and sent to this Committee by to-morrow in order that they may be dispatched. 12. That it be submitted to the Commons from this Committee by Sir H. Vane, junr., that they would be pleased to adjourn the sitting of the House upon Friday next, and send Committees to the City to hasten the sending out of their forces against the day of rendezvous and for providing money. 13. Likewise that they would send some of their members to the Committee of the Militia and to Salters' Hall to know what forces they will have in readiness to send out with the Lord General [Essex]. 14. That the Earl of Northumberland do report to the Lords [the necessity for] speeding an answer to the papers given in by the Scotts' Commissioners, in respect the Scottish Estates do assemble this day and expect an answer before they dissolve, for which purpose the Commissioners have an express ready. 15. That a letter be sent to the Committee of Militia to desire them to send back Col. Thomson's regiment of horse to Sir Wm. Waller. 16. That Friday afternoon be appointed for the business of Jersey and Guernsey. 17. That Waller and Balfour be informed of the arrival of a troop of the Kentish horse at Kingston where the whole regiment will be on Friday night, also that two City regiments have marched and that care is taken for sending more. 18. That the letter now read and a copy of the order to Col. Stapley be sent to Sir Wm. Waller. 19. The request of the Committee of Kent contained in their letter of 5th April concerning the ordnance was approved. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 41—43.]

April 10. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Militia in London. We have received advertisement that the regiment of horse of Colonel Thomson is coming home without and against order. How necessary it is they should continue there you well know when we think it fit to send out all the rest of our forces. We therefore desire you to write to those horse to return back to Sir William Waller, for if such considerable forces shall leave him, they do what lies in their power to enforce him to follow and thereby bring the enemy home to our own doors. We desire you will take care of it with all expedition. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 59, 60. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

April 10. Court at Oxford. Warrant under the Privy Seal to the Exchequer. Whereas Richard Stephens, gent., steward appointed for the Western Circuit, begun 30 November last, to attend our two Chief Justices and others, riding as justices of jail delivery and Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for cos. Wilts., Somerset, and Devon, has disbursed 300*l.* for the charges and expenses of diet, horsemeat, lodging, &c., for our said justices and their attendants on the circuit as by Stephens' account appears, of which sum he has already received 100*l.*, our will therefore is that you cause to be repaid the

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remaining 200*l.* due to him and to cause a tally to be struck in the Receipt of Exchequer for 100*l.* upon Edward Kirton, receiver of the Composition money of delinquents in Somersetshire, and another tally for 100*l.* upon Francis Godolphin, receiver of cos. Devon and Cornwall, without accompt, imprest, or other charge. [*Vol. ccccxcviii., No.* 8, *p.* 45. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

April 11. Oxford. The like. Whereas Francis Walker has by our command cast and founded divers pieces of ordnance and shot and performed other services, for which there was due to him 882*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, whereof he has already received from Lord Hopton 300*l.* so that there remains due to him 582*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, as by his account signed by Prince Rupert appears, our will is that you cause a tally to be levied and struck in the Receipt of Exchequer for the said sum upon Wm. Watkins, Esq., receiver of South Wales' revenues pertaining to the Queen and Prince Charles. [*Ibid., pp.* 36, 37. *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

April 11. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Essex, and Warwick, Lords Wharton, Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the report to be made by Sir H. Vane to the Commons be made on Saturday instead of 5th April. 2. That the letters of both Houses be directed to the Deputy Lieutenants and Committees of the several counties. 3. That a Sub-Committee be appointed to attend the Lord General [Essex] to-morrow afternoon to consider what proportions of victuals and other necessaries the several counties shall furnish to the army according to the letter of both Houses. [The Sub-Committee to comprise] Lords Say and Wharton, and Messrs. Wallop, Crew, and Pierpont, or any three of them. The Lord General is also desired to call the Commissary of Victuals to attend at that time. 4. That whereas it is desired by Mr. [Stephen] Estwick that the two City regiments now returning home from Sir W. Waller might be ordered by this Committee to return; the Committee do not think fit to give any further order therein, but leave it to the disposition of the Committee of Militia. 5. That this Committee think fit that the 400 men furnished by the City to guard Windsor Castle, while its garrison march out, shall be paid out of the 20,000*l.* borrowed upon their late ordinance. 6. That the Committee of Militia be desired to come to this Committee to-morrow morning to give account what is done by them touching the two regiments of horse belonging to Cols. Harvey and Thomson. 7. That the sending of additional forces to Sir W. Waller and recalling Sir Wm. Balfour for the better recruiting of the Lord General's forces under his command be first taken into consideration to-morrow. 8. That Sir H. Vane, senr., do report to the House [of Commons] on Saturday the contract between the Committee of Safety and Mr. [Samuel] Cordwell, the gunpowder maker. 9. That a letter be written to the Committee of Kent acknowledging their letters to this Committee and signifying that the Lord General

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will give warrant for ordnance as they desire, but that the sequestrations are already engaged, by ordinance of the Commons, for payment of the armies in Ireland and the Scotts' army in England. 10. That Sir Miles Hobart and Sir John Palgrave do relate their business to the Sub-Committee appointed to attend the Lord General in the afternoon. 11. That Sir Philip Stapleton do report to the House the petition of the Committee of Herts. [This Committee] to meet to-morrow at 7 a.m. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 43, 44.]

April 11. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. We are informed that your forces have retired to Waltham, which we suppose is occasioned by the coming away of the City regiments. We have taken order for a greater supply to come to you, two of the City regiments of foot being upon their march and a regiment of Kentish horse besides other forces speedily to follow. It is evident your coming back gives the enemy encouragement and opportunity to recruit, and we hear Rumsey is a place of security and great advantage, which the enemy is likely to be possessed of if not prevented. You knowing this we assure ourselves that you (to whom we wholly leave it) being upon the place will do what shall most conduce to the public good. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 58, 59. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

April 11. Derby House. The same to the same. You may see by the order enclosed what reasons have moved us to send Col. Stapley to Chichester and such other parts of Sussex as the services therein mentioned require. Of this we thought fit to give you advertisement, and desire to know from you the general rendezvous now appointed, and, all other things considered, which way Chichester may be secured, and that regiment employed for the best advantage of the public and prevention of distractions in that county and misunderstanding between yourself and Col. Stapley. We shall be glad of your advice herein with speed. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. *Underwritten,*

Sent these two letters by a servant of Sir Wm. Balfour who went hence on the 12*th April in the morning.* [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 59. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 12. Smithfield. 66. Capt. John Blackwell to Mr. Dethick, Common Council-man. Pray deliver to my clerk, Thos. Whittington, 100*l.* to pay for the horses which I shall buy this day for the raising of the troop, and I will give you fuller satisfaction afterwards for the laying of it out. *Underwritten,*

Acknowledgment by Thos. Whittington for 100*l. received of Mr. Dethick,* 12 *April* 1644. [*Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 12. Oxon. 67. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the [Earl of Forth,] Lord General of his Majesty's army. This bearer Edmond Woodruffe, lately taken by the rebels of Warwick, and having ten days parole to endeavour his exchange for two troopers Anthony Kirby and Philip Cauker prisoners at Banbury, or Lieutenant Bush prisoner at Evesham, I

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pray you to favour him. He is of great use to the Crown Office, which continually employed him as a messenger to carry his Majesty's proclamations into the country, especially into the North, and would be extremely inconvenienced by his loss. I have written what I had to advise to Lord Hopton, to whose letters and to this Mercury I refer you. [*Seal with arms and crest, broken.* 1 *p.*]

April 12. Leicester. 68. Relation by Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Grey, Governor of Leicester, of the differences between the Earl of Denbigh and Commissary-General Behr. To the same effect as related in a letter of April 2 [*see No.* 59], from the Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of both kingdoms. [1½ *pp.*]

April 12. 69. The like by Thomas Hasilrige, one of the Committees for the county of Leicester. [1½ *pp.*]

April $\frac{12}{22}$. Paris. 70. George Lord Goring to [Lady Goring]. Two letters from you reached this town yesterday, but I only received one, the other having been lost. I had a letter from George of March 17, and Adrian shall go with the messenger to him this next week. I have striven all I can to give my servants no ill example, and they have not had much by any in my family save by the cook and footman that were both grown stark mad with drink and are by this time in England. If my son George were out my heart would be light. Bless him from me and conjure him to make all haste into the North. I do not believe I shall stay long here, but yet not be so soon in England, for 'tis likely I shall return by Holland where I have very much to do; but of this I am not certain till the return to my last despatch by Will. Crofts to Oxford, who I believe will be there by the time this will be with you. How knotty my work has been is well seen, and yet I hope to give such an account of my journey as shall make it appear I have not slept all this time without waking sometimes. As for your trouble of [my son] Charles being in England, I never intended he should long stay there, but I could not endure to see him here so much a man as he is now grown, learning exercises at ease and pleasure. No, had I millions of crowns or scores of sons the King and his cause should have them all with better will than to eat if I were starving; nor shall fear or loss of whatsoever ever change me therein. This Queen is now again singularly kind to me, and in the face of the whole Court brings her two sons, the sweetest children in the world, to salute me. [2 *pp.*]

April 12. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr. and junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the officers of the regiments now in Windsor Castle on receiving a month's pay, whereof the 1,000*l.* remaining of the sum voted by Parliament is part, shall be ready to march on Friday next with two drakes and leave the rest of the train

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[of artillery] and its officers still in the Castle. 2. That all the Committee present, except the Scotts' Commissioners, Sir H. Vane, junr., and Mr. Solicitor, shall be at the Sub-Committee at the Lord General's this afternoon to prepare all business for to-morrow morning to be reported to the House [of Commons]. 3. To meet to-morrow morning at 8 a.m. 4. That the Earl of Northumberland take the chair for the next week. 5. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to write to Sir Wm. Balfour urging the necessity of his stay until additional forces be sent to Sir W. Waller, whereof some are already on their march. 6. That Waller and Balfour be informed that there are two regiments on their march and that more are coming. That they be careful to prevent the enemy from taking possession of the town of Romsey, Hants. 7. Upon letters produced by the Scotts' Commissioners with several informations from Scotland and the northern coasts that vessels carrying victuals and necessaries from those parts are [often] taken by pirates, those seas being without any guard, to the great prejudice of both kingdoms and particularly of the Scottish army in England; and that preparations are making in Ireland to invade Scotland; for prevention of all which inconveniences there is agreed by the treaty between the two kingdoms, that six ships be appointed for guard of the Scottish coasts and northern parts and two ships between the coast of Scotland and Carrickfergus. All which this Committee taking into consideration do order accordingly to be performed by the Lord Admiral, and that the names of the ships [selected for this service] be delivered to this Committee. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 44, 45.]

April 12. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We received your letters, by which we are sensible of what obstructions you have met with in your present employment and also of the present condition of the town of Wem, which we have taken into consideration and conceive its present necessities to be such that unless you relieve it it will be lost, having no readier means to secure it than by your endeavours. And for enabling you thereunto we have sent orders to the county of Lancaster to send unto such rendezvous as you shall appoint 2,000 foot complete; to the county of Chester to furnish you with 600 foot and all their horse; to the Committee of Coventry to furnish you with 300 foot and 200 horse; and to the Committee of Stafford to furnish you with all their foot and horse, which being drawn into a body, with God's blessing and your prudent conduct, will be able to do the work. The eminent danger this town is in we hope will satisfy you wherefore we have not entered into agitation of the other matters mentioned in your letters, assuring you that when the exigency of this service is over we shall not be wanting to manifest our respect to you. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp* 61, 62. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 12. Derby House. The same to the Deputy Lieutenants in Lancashire. The present condition of the town of Wem, co. Salop, being a place of strength

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and much conducing to the settling of that county, as also to securing the adjacent countries from the like misery it groans under, engages us by all speedy means to endeavour its relief and security; also you, whose peace and interest are so much concerned in preserving that town [ought] to be ready and willing to contribute your best and speedy assistance for its relief, which we presume you would have readily undertaken though you had received no orders from us. Notwithstanding, that you may know of what importance we judge that town, we desire you that Colonels Holland and John Booth do draw out their regiments for this service, and what you may want of the number of 2,000 the Deputy Lieutenants of the county are desired, out of the other forces in the county, to make up those regiments 2,000 musketeers complete, with all speed (if with the safety of your county so many can be spared), the necessity of the present service admitting of no delay, and to march to such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh, who is to command in chief, shall appoint. The speedy execution of these our orders will manifest your good affections to the service, which if neglected will not only be the loss of that town, but hazard your own ruin and the loss of the adjacent counties. Signed as above. *Underwritten,*

A similar letter was sent to the Committee in Lancashire. [*Ibid., p.* 61. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 12. Note that a letter of the same tenor as the above was sent from the Committee to Cols. Holland and Booth, but instead of the clause "making them up two thousand," read "We desire you to march with two full regiments." Postscript added, "We have written to the Deputy Lieutenants [of Lancashire] to make up your regiments 2,000 complete, if with safety to your county so many can be spared, but we desire you with your regiments to observe these our directions, though the occasions of your county should not permit the making of them up 2,000 strong." [*Ibid., p.* 62 = ¼ *p.*]

April 12. The like to [the Committee at] Nantwich, only read, "We do desire you to send forth 600 foot and all your horse with all speed, the necessity of the present service admitting of no delay, &c." [*Ibid.* 4 *lines.*]

April 12. The like to [the Committee at] Stafford, for all their horse and foot. [*Ibid.* 1 *line.*]

April 12. The like to [the Committee at] Coventry for 300 foot and 200 horse, with a postscript, "That Col. Purefoy must not be employed in this present service." *Underwritten,*

All these letters were sent by Capt. Ralph Castlon, on 12*th April in the forenoon, between* 10 *and* 11 *a.m. He carried two letters to Coventry, one to Lord Denbigh from Lord Wharton and another to Mr. Macworth from Mr. Corbett,* [*Ibid.* = ¼ *p.*]

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April 12. Derby House. The same to the Committee in Kent. In your many letters we have received clear demonstrations of your good affections to the public cause, and your readiness to satisfy their desires has very readily appeared therein which they acknowledge with thanks, and shall be ready to return all the satisfaction they can to your desires. For your request concerning ordnance mentioned in yours of the 5th inst., the Lord General will grant a warrant, and with as great readiness we should have satisfied the other about the sequestrations, had it not been by Ordinance of Parliament already engaged towards the payment of 60,000*l.* for the armies in Ireland, and for the Scots' army here. But when you shall offer any way wherein they may give you their assistance and furtherance, it shall appear they duly value both the cheerful alacrity of your affections and the fruit thereof, and also the worth and merit of those you employed abroad, whose behaviour has honoured their country, and whose good service and your present readiness now notwithstanding your presures, which we are sensible of, to send out this Regiment of Horse, is so acceptable to this Committee and shall be represented as such by them to the Houses with all advantage, as they doubt not but they will be very ready in everything, both to manifest their acceptance of and give all encouragement to your good affections and the effects of them. Signed by Phil. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Sir Henry Heyman the same day. [*Ibid., pp.* 62, 63. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 13. Coventry. 71. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee for Safety of both kingdoms. Upon Lord Viscount Conway's arrival from Oxford hither, I sent expressly to give you notice thereof and of the manner and end of his coming to the Parliament. It is about two months since he sent to Major Bridges by a secret messenger, a tenant of his own, to know if he might have a party of horse to secure him if [Bridges] should pass near these parts, and he would advertise him of the time, which his Lordship was forced to defer till now, when the King's forces were called away from before Gloucester and from the ways of his passage to their rendezvous at Marlborough. Though he hath not been so punctual in point of time, yet having had the intention two months before, which I have seen attested under Major Bridges' hand, and the putting of that in execution diverted only by impossibilities of passing both for the impediments formerly expressed as also the strictness and jealousies he lay under at Oxford, he conceives he may justly lay claim to the benefits and privileges which belong to the ordinance lately passed by both Houses, wherein a favourable reception and pardon is promised to such as shall come in to the Parliament at the time limited. He hath likewise informed me he believes there are other Lords and persons of quality who would have willingly embraced the same occasion of making their peace were they not detained with an apprehension of neglect from the Parliament. This you will have shortly a more perfect relation of from himself, who intends after some days' rest to wait upon you and confirm what he hath said in my hearing, that he would not have made this return but with a

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firm resolution to engage his life and fortunes in this cause and the service of the Parliament. I understand that upon orders from his Majesty to Prince Rupert to advance with his forces to Oxford, answer was returned that there was a greater opinion of his strength than there was cause for; that the body he had lately drawn together for the design of Newark had been taken out of the garrisons of those parts, the which could not now be removed to so great a distance without endangering those garrisons, and without these he could be of little use to his Majesty. Yet it is probable that when he has raised all the strength he can in Shropshire and Wales, which he is endeavouring with all industry, he will then march to reinforce the King's army if there be occasion; and to that purpose I have good intelligence that the horse and foot which are left in Worcestershire and those parts expect his coming and are to join with him. Mr. Floyd and Mr. Charleton with others are come from Lancashire, Cheshire, Shropshire, and other parts adjoining to assure me of their unanimous consent to join in a body for their mutual defence, and for that purpose do want only orders and a commander-in-chief to lead them into the field. [3 *pp.*]

April 13. 72. Order of the Commons' House. That the Committee for the Navy do give order for payment of 3,000 and odd hundred pounds in arrear, due to the several persons who furnished the last year's stores for the Navy, out of the first money accruing from the prize goods brought into Portsmouth. *Dorso,*

Two orders of the 5th and 13th April for 3,292*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d. to Sir Walter Erle, Lieut.-General of the Ordnance for the Artificers.* [*Certified copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 13. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, the two Vanes, Sir Philip Stapleton, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered [at the morning sitting], 1. That the report to be made by Mr. Pierpont about the reasons preventing this Committee from procuring intelligence from the King's quarters be deferred for the present. 2. Report was made to this Committee by Mr. Pierpont of what was done at the Sub-Committee at Essex House yesterday. And Mr. Pierpont was appointed to report to the House [of Commons] these particulars following, viz. 3. That one regiment of the trained bands of the [Tower] Hamlets and one of the Auxiliaries of Southwark are on their march to Sir Wm. Waller with a regiment of Kentish horse, and that the regiment of Auxiliaries of Westminster are ready to follow. [4.] To report two letters from the Earl of Manchester. [5.] To report a desire that the Committee appointed to take order for the City regiments to be at the rendezvous may give account thereof to the House [of Commons]. [6.] To report the two papers from the Lord General [Essex] [signifying] the wants of horse and foot for recruits and of money delivered for arms, horses, &c., by him given out. [7.] To report that 500 horses or mares, for the train of artillery and carriage of victuals, at an average cost of 7*l.*, may be

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provided in Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Hunts., and Herts., likewise 150 from Middlesex, Bucks., Beds., and Northampton, and 150 from Kent, Sussex, and Surrey, to be at St. Albans the 17th inst., and if not all as many as may be. The gentlemen of the several counties to take order for present supply of money to buy them, and the Commons to make them assignment to be paid in 14 days. [8.] To report the desire of this Committee that a month's pay be forthwith provided for the garrison at Windsor, the like for the garrison at Aylesbury and for Col. Harvey's regiment, so that these may be ready to march according to the orders. [9.] To report that this Committee did write to the Committee at Leicester to provide a month's pay for Lord Grey's horse to enable them to march to the general rendezvous, and the letter of the Committee in answer. [10.] To report that a regiment of foot of Herts. are ready at Hitchin. [11.] To report that the 1,500*l.* formerly assigned by the House [of Commons is] to be made up 3,200*l.* according to the notes given in by Mr. Deane and Capt. Cannon. [12.] To report the desire [of this Committee] that a month's pay may be provided for the officers of the train of artillery to enable them presently to march. [13.] To report a desire that an account of the state of the excise may be made to the House [of Commons] to know what money is ready for the Lord General's march. [14.] To report the answer of the Lord Admiral [Warwick] for 8 ships for the north and west coasts of Scotland. [15.] To report a desire that the Turkey merchants may pay in the 8,000*l.* they promised for the Navy. 16. That the Committee of Grocers' Hall do send a certificate to this Committee of the ammunition and arms intended for Ireland which is in their power, or which they know to be in the hands of private men, that the same may be collected together and sent away. 17. That some of the Committee for Accounts and the Treasurers for the Committee of Sequestrations be desired to come to this Committee in the afternoon. To consider of the ways for providing money in the afternoon. In the afternoon the same were present, with the exception of Sir Philip Stapleton, whose place was filled by Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Lord Maitland and Mr. Recorder were also present. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Militia to know where their two regiments are, and that they may be made to advance to Sir Wm. Waller. 2. That the business about Sir Miles Hobart and Sir John Palgrave be taken into consideration on Monday next. 3. That Waller and Balfour be informed that it is the opinion of this Committee that it is dangerous to the design for Waller to retreat towards Farnham for many reasons. It would lose the country lately gained, which will presently again declare for the other side, the enemy will recruit there, the counties on this side will receive great discouragement, and so will the forces that are marching towards him, besides his army will melt away being so near to London. 4. To write to the Earl of Manchester approving of his march to the rendezvous, and desiring him so to dispose of his forces that there may be a considerable appearance at the rendezvous, and yet care taken for the relief of

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Boston and security of the Association. 5. That Mr. Recorder do report to the House [of Commons] on Monday morning that the business of the Spanish ship at Arundel may be returned to the Admiralty to have a trial according to law. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 45–47.]

April 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Wm. Balfour. We understand by your letter to his Excellency of the 12th inst. your resolution to march to Farnham, which we marvel at, as you have not informed us of the reasons, nor are we able to apprehend them. It does not appear by the best intelligence we can get that the King's forces are in any such condition as to draw near you unless your retreat gives them courage, for upon that good success that God gave you against Sir R. Hopton, the next counties were in such great fear that they would not contribute their bodies to those recruits that the enemy was endeavouring at Marlborough and the parts adjacent, and we are certainly informed that they at Oxford are not much satisfied with the present posture of their own affairs. This retreat we conceive will again give them the possession of all that country you had but lately won, and they will be able now to recruit themselves there, that might otherwise have served the Parliament to that purpose, and besides this will give a great discouragement to the Association in suffering the danger to return near to their doors, and also be a great means to diminish and melt away your army when it shall be so near to London. We do also conceive that your quarters in Hampshire, having the ports there open to you and the Isle of Wight at your back to befriend, you will be more plentifully and better accommodated in them than at Farnham. We desire to be certified of the state of your army Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by John Priestley at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 63, 64 *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 13. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Militia. We desire to be certified whether your two regiments are marched beyond Kingston, and where they are, also we desire you will with all expedition hasten their march to Sir Wm. Waller, and send word by this bearer what you know of their march. Signed as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 64, 65. *Copy* = ¼ *p.*]

April 13. Derby House. The same to the Earl of Manchester. We have received your letters whereby we perceive you intend to be at Bedford speedily in order to come to the rendezvous appointed, which resolution we conceive will not only much satisfy the general expectation of the kingdom, but is the most probable means to put an end to the present distractions. The enemy drawing his forces into a body near Boston with an intention to make some attempts on those parts (of whose preservation we are very tender) has made us take into consideration how these Associated Counties may be defended during your absence, and thereupon we have thought fit to recommend it to your care, so to dispose of your forces that there may be a considerable appearance at the general rendezvous, and yet such

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order taken for opposing the enemy in Lincolnshire as may be for the present relief of Boston, and the security of the Association, whereby you will keep those parts from danger and not be hindered from coming to the rendezvous, which diversion perhaps was their main design. Concerning this we desire your answer by Monday morning. Signed as above, and sent by my Lord's own courier, 7 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 65. [*Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 14. 73. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's forces. This bearer, Edmund Parker, late a lieutenant in Sir Jacob Astley's regiment, was taken prison at Alton, and hath procured liberty to solicit for his exchange for one John Johnson, now prisoner in the castle here, to obtain which he comes recommended from Sir Jacob Astley. Though his Majesty is not willing to grant this, resolving not to hearken to any exchange till Sir Edward Stradling and Colonel Lunsford be released, yet when those two gentlemen shall be exchanged it is his Majesty's pleasure the said Johnson be released for Lieutenant Parker and no other person. [*Seal with arms and crest broken.* 1 *p.*]

April 14. Oxon. 74. The same to the same. His Majesty having present occasion for Captain Stephens the Waggon-Master General's attendance here, is pleased that you immediately send him hither; he leaving a sufficient deputy to discharge his duties. P.S.—I have this day received certain advertisement from several hands of very good credit that the rebels of London are resolved to levy all the forces they can possibly and fall on this city or Reading; and that they are now actually and vigorously in hand with their levies and preparations to this purpose. Their rendezvous is Aylesbury, where they say they will be next Friday, and the Earl of Manchester is also to join with the Earl of Essex in this rebellious design. There are between 2,000 and 3,000 foot of the [Tower] Hamlets and auxiliaries at Kingston, whence they are to march towards Waller to-morrow. Waller's two regiments of Londoners are returned back to that rebellious city. [1 *p.*]

April 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the commanding officers of the City regiments on their march towards Sir Wm. Waller. By reason of Major-General Browne's return to London with the City regiments Sir Wm. Waller is in great want of your supplies, we therefore earnestly desire you forthwith to march to Farnham, and Sir Wm. Waller, to whom we have written, we assure ourselves will send some troops of horse to convoy you to him. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 66. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

April 14. Derby House. The same to the Commanders-in-Chief of the Kentish horse at Croydon. We desire you forthwith, with your regiment of Kentish horse, to march to Farnham to Sir Wm. Waller. [*Ibid., p.* 66. ¼ *p.*]

April 14. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We understand by Sir Wm. Balfour that you are on your way to Farnham, the most dangerous consequence whereof is apparent to us, not only to the loss

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April 14. Derby House. The same to the same. By letters which Mr. Trenchard produced to us from Col. Sydenham and the Governor of Poole, we perceive that Wareham is very unfortunately possessed by the enemy, and that thereby Poole is in great danger. The desires of the Governor of Poole we understand have been communicated to you, and in regard we have not heard from you concerning this business we presume you have taken care thereof, so that all we shall add is to recommand the safety of that place to your speedy care, and to let us hear from you as frequently as you can. We desire you forthwith to send some troops of horse to convoy to you the City regiments of foot now on their march towards Farnham. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 67. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 15. Coventry. 75. [Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of both kingdoms]. I have acquainted this Committee [of Coventry] with your orders, unto which I declared my obedience thus far, that if they would furnish me with the 200 horse and 300 foot assigned me by your Lordships I would forthwith march with them to join the other forces for the relief of Wem. But in regard a postscript—which in your letter to this Committee made an exception to those horse that belong to Colonel Purefoy's regiment, which besides those I am now raising are all the horse in this county—hath deprived me of that horse, unless I take with me those imperfect troops I am now raising, and which in my absence will with difficulty be made complete, by reason of the oppositions I find here; it will be necessary that you send me either 200 of Colonel Purefoy's regiment, which is now marching to their rendezvous at Aylesbury, or supply their places some other way as far as may enable me to undertake this service. As for the 300 foot I find them here very backward, and to quicken them your Lordships will further me much in specifying Captain Colmar's and Captain Willoughbye's companies to be part of the 300, belonging to the garrison of this city; and Colonel Bosvile may spare another company out of Warwick. If it be pretended their companies are weak, I shall be able to justify thus much to your Lordships, that their pay by assignments is no way defective, though the raising and maintaining of 10 troops of horse and some companies of foot are left wholly to my charge, and the expense of other counties in my Association. Notwithstanding all these discouragements I think myself happy in the trust you still repose in me; and as long as I have life or anything else that may be made use of for the public service, neither Wem nor any other part of this Association shall suffer for want of timely prevention. [3 *pp.*]

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April 15. 76. Minute of a warrant granting the dignity of a baronet to Sir John Awbrey, of Llantrithyd, co. Glamorgan, Knt., with a discharge for the sum of 109*l.* usually paid in respect of that dignity. [¼ *p.*]

April 15. 77. Power of attorney by the undersigned parishioners of Finchley, Middlesex, deputing Edward Rolfe and Christopher Sutton to ask for and receive for them such moneys as are due for quartering a troop belonging to his Excellence [the Lord General] under the command of Capt. Matthew Draper, in the winter of 1643, according to a book of particulars delivered to Captain Draper. [1 *p.*]

April 15. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Lord Admiral [Warwick], Lords Say and Warristone, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Browne and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Committee of Accounts be desired to be at this Committee at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, to report the state of the business, when Mr Avery is also required to be here. 2. That the Committee of Grocers' Hall do send a particular of what arms and provisions they have for Ireland and what are in private hands for that purpose. 3. That the business of [fortifying the hundreds of East and West] Flegg [in Norfolk] and Lothingland be taken into consideration this afternoon. 4. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Browne, that upon information from the Scotts' Commissioners, this Committee has found that since the order of that House of 13 May 1643, by which the sequestrations were assigned for payment of 30,000*l.* of the arrears due to the Scotts' army in Ireland there has been a sum amounting to above 30,000*l.* directed to other uses by subsequent orders of the House; and therefore to desire an express order for the prevention of the like in time coming; and that some course [may] be taken for payment of the 4,000*l.* per mensem to the army there. 5. [This Committee] to meet in the afternoon at 2 p.m., and to warn all the [members of the] Committee. In the afternoon the same were present with the exception of Mr. Recorder; and besides the Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, and Messrs. Pierpont and Crew. Ordered, 6. That an order be sent to the Excisemen to be at this Committee to-morrow morning to know what money they have or are like to have. 7. That an order be sent to the City to have an account of the 8,000*l.* per mensem and of the 20,000*l.* to be borrowed upon the ordinance presented here by the militia, and to know what forces are ready to go with the Lord General. 8. Some of the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall to be at this Committee at 8 a.m. to-morrow to give an account whether the 2,000*l.* for this month's pay for the Lord General's army be ready. 9. That Mr. Pury, M.P., and some of the Militia be here to-morrow at 7 or 8 a.m. 10. That the business of Newark signed by Col. King be reported to the Houses [of Parliament]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 47, 48.]

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April 15. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We are now informed by Mr. Wincop and Mr. Coney that the enemy with about 2,600 horse and dragooners is come before Boston and has driven the horses and cattle out of Holland. We exceedingly apprehend the loss of that town (which we hear has not above 500 men in it), and that Marshland must then in all probability be lost, and the enemy will break into Norfolk, where, and in other parts a great army may be speedily raised against the Parliament and this place much straitened for provisions, and your whole Association be much shaken. We desire you therefore to send forthwith such supplies as may relieve [it] and secure the Association and [so] prevent these inconveniences, and with the rest to proceed in your intentions for the rendezvous. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland and sent by my Lord's courier 6.30 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 67 and 68. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

April 16. 78. Petition of Richard Vickris of Bristol, merchant, to the Committee for the Navy. There is due to petitioner from the State for part of the freight for the service of the Fellowship and Mary of Bristol, upon the Irish coasts, about 480*l.* There having at present come over 9½ tuns of French wines, the impost whereof is 40*l.*, he prays, the rather in regard of his former great losses by the enemy, that you will allow the impost for his wine [to be deducted] out of the money due to him. [½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

78. I. *Order of the Committee for the Navy. Whereas there remains due to petitioner for his part of the freight of the Fellowship and Mary employed last year in the service of the King and Parliament about* 480*l., for payment whereof this Committee have signed orders to the Treasurer of the Navy, and for that petitioner is well affected to the Parliament; ordered that Sir Henry Vane, junr., Treasurer of the Navy, do imprest to petitioner* 40*l. in part of the aforesaid sum. Treasury Chamber, Westminster, April* 16, 1644. [½ *p.*]

78. II. *Mem.* "*Ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy do use especial care that this ordinance of Parliament entitled an Ordinance for felling of timber trees in the woods of several delinquents for the use of his Majesty's navy royal be forthwith put in execution.*" [3 *lines.*]

April 16. Coventry. 79. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee of both kingdoms]. I informed you of the backwardness of this Committee [at Coventry] to satisfy your commands, which since by their enclosed order have been complied with as far as my forces may enable them; but to give their assistance according to your order—their forces being likewise by ordinance of Parliament subordinate to my command—and, as I believe, your intention is in no way assented unto. For I am confident it will not be thought convenient that the forces I am raising and which are to be maintained in other counties should be subject to this Committee and sent out of this county

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before they are perfected; and the assigning those companies of foot which belong to the garrison of Tamworth is intended to no other purpose but to have occasion to place others in their room who may express the same disobedience to me which the Governor of Mackstock Castle hath already offered to my orders, with the approbation of this Committee. By my former I desired your Lordships' particular order for the companies of Captain William Colmar and Captain Willoughby, those agreed on by this Committee being broken companies and of little use; and I shall further desire your order for Captain Hume's troop of horse at Tamworth, and Colonel Barker's which is going with Colonel Purefoy, and is no part of his regiment. If the ordinances of Parliament were punctually observed, your Lordships would find a quicker observance of all your commands and not be put to an explanation. [2 *pp.*]

April 16. Oxon. 80. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of his Majesty's army. His Majesty is informed from London that Sir Gervase Scroope's extreme indisposition of body, occasioned by his wounds, is such, as according to the physicians, in probability nothing but the present use of the Bath can relieve him. His Majesty's pleasure is that you forthwith despatch a trumpet to the Earl of Essex to desire that Sir Gervase Scroop may have liberty to repair upon your parole to take the benefit of the Bath. If that assurance will not satisfy, offer his son Mr. Scroope to be sent to London as hostage for him till his return; with this caution, that if Sir Gervase die in this course, it shall be free for his said hostage as well then to repair back into his Majesty's quarters as if Sir Gervase had returned a true prisoner, as is really intended. [*Portion of seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

April 16. Oxon. 81. The same to the same. This night I received the enclosed from the Marquis of Winchester, which will inform you as much as I hear of Sir Wm. Waller's forces; himself I hear is for certain at London, where he demands more horse and foot. The Earl of Essex, according to my intelligence, hath not visibly any considerable forces, but it is true that in London they have many thousands upon list, for they have listed all men servants from 16 to 60 in every family in that city and suburbs, which makes a great noise, and that I hear is all it is like to do. Lord Robartes is come to St. Alban's, where he has some broken forces. The Earl of Manchester is, I hear, also at Newport Pagnell, with 2,000 or 3,000 horse and foot. We believe the news of Colonel Bellasis being beaten by Lord Fairfax is either altogether or in good part false, for yesterday there was no news of it at London, and we have not yet had it seconded. If we had now in Buckinghamshire a reasonably strong party of horse with some dragoons it would spoil the rebels drawing together in those parts, which they begin to do in small numbers. [1 *p.*]

April 16. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, the Lord Admiral, Lord General, Lords Say, Maitland, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr.,

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Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpoint, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Col. Browne do attend this Committee in the afternoon. 2. That the Earl of Manchester be desired to retain some forces in Newport Pagnell for its security until further order. 3. That Mr. Crew do report to the House [of Commons] concerning the Committee for money that it may sit and use all means for raising money. 4. That Col. Purefoy be instructed to go to Gloucester according to his former order. 5. That the officers of the Windsor regiment, viz., the minister, chirurgeons, quarter-master, marshal, and commissary, do accompany that regiment to the field. In the afternoon the same were present except the Lord Admiral and Sir P. Stapleton, who were replaced by the Earl of Northumberland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Mr. Recorder. Ordered, 6. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg and Mr. Crew do desire, in the name of this Committee, the gentlemen of the Western Committee to furnish Sir Wm. Waller with 5,000*l.* to enable his march towards the west. 7. That the business of Sir Wm. Waller's retreat be again taken into consideration to-morrow. 8. That Major Pottley be sent for to this Committee to-morrow morning. 9. That the business of the Excise be reported to the House [of Commons] to-morrow by Mr. Recorder. 10. That the letters from Lord Denbigh be taken into consideration to-morrow morning. 11. Whereas it is ordained by Parliament that the Committee of both kingdoms shall be enabled to prepare propositions for a safe and well grounded peace, and the same to be brought into one or both Houses on Friday the 26th present, or sooner if the Houses be ready to receive and consider of them. It is therefore ordered that a sub-committee be appointed to prepare propositions to be brought into this Committee concerning a peace according to the reference from both Houses, and to bring in so far as they have proceeded on Friday next. The sub-committee named are as follow:—Earl of Northumberland, Lord Wharton, Sir Henry Vane, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Pierpont, Mr. Crew, or any three of these, together with the Scotts' Commissioners or any one of them. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 48, 49.]

April 16. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Northampton. We perceive by your letter of the 13th inst. your readiness to march according to order. Your care therein we much approve of, but receiving notice that some horse from Leicester that should have marched with you cannot be so soon ready, and we being unwilling that you should march *in campaniâ* without those horse, if this letter shall find you still at Northampton we would have you stay there until further order. But if you be upon your march then we would have you march to Oulney or thereabouts until you receive orders to advance further. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Crew. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 68. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 16. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We, taking into consideration the great consequence of the town of

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Newport Pagnel, the dangerous effects the loss thereof might produce as barring all intercourse with the north-west, besides the danger to the Eastern Association thereby, do therefore desire you will leave such forces in Newport as may serve that place until you receive further order, and the rather as that place is so near to the place of the rendezvous that they may speedily be there when the order shall be given. Signed as above and sent by Thos. Pidcock, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 70, 71. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

April 17. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Essex, Lords Wharton, Warristone, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Lord Denbigh about the business of Wem. 2. To write to Lancashire for four troops of horse to be sent to Shropshire. 3. To write to the Committee of Coventry that Col. Barker's troop may be sent as a part of the Earl of Denbigh's army for Shropshire. 4. That letters be written to all places of correspondence of the victory at Selby. 5. That the paper given in by the Lord General [Essex] be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir Philip Stapleton, with the distinction of what is necessary for the present and what for the future. 6. That Mr. Crew do report to the House [of Commons] this morning that such of the Lord General's forces as are ready and can be provided for with money may march to the rendezvous appointed. And that Lord Wharton do report the same to the Lords' House. 7. That Mr. Crew do also report that the messenger from Hull affirms that he came by Boston and that there was no forces there about it. In the afternoon the Committee met again, when the same were present, except Warwick, Essex, and Mr. Solicitor, who were replaced by Lord Say and Sir Gilbert Gerard. Ordered, 8. That letters be sent to the several Committees and Commanders abroad to give notice of the success and victory of Lord Fairfax at Selby. 9. That the Commissioners of Excise be warned to be at this Committee to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. 10. That copies be made of all the letters written to Sir W. Waller since the fight at Cheriton, and to look out all his letters to the Committee. And that Sir Arthur Haselrigg do report the whole business to the House [of Commons] which he reported here to the Committee. 11. That a letter be written to the Earl of Manchester that he appoint his Commissary to make provision of victuals for his army, it being the course that the Lord General takes for those under his immediate command. 12. That a Sub-Committee be appointed to take into consideration the propositions offered by the Committee of Accounts, and what further they shall think fit to offer to this Committee for the speedy bringing in of the sequestrations, and hasten the payment of the 60,000*l.* assigned by ordinance of the Houses for payment of the Scotts' army in Ireland. The sub-committee named were Lord Wharton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and the Scotts' Commissioners. 13. That the Committee at Grocers' Hall be desired to send a particular to the sub-committee at Gold-

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smiths' Hall on Friday next of all such artillery, arms, ammunition, victuals, cloths, or other provisions as have been made for Ireland and not yet sent. And they shall have power in the meantime to examine any persons whom they shall conceive to have any such provisions in their hands. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 50, 51.]

April 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Thanks for your readiness in this necessary service for Shropshire. Col. Purefoy's regiment of horse is appointed for a great design, so that you cannot expect them. We have appointed Col. Barker's troop if it be within the county of Warwick to attend you, but if it be marched out we desire you not to stay for it, for we know not how prejudicial it may then be to recall them. We have written to the Committee of Warwickshire to supply you with 300 foot, and that they may be of such companies as may best effect this service. We have sent to the Deputy Lieutenants of Lancaster for four troops of horse to be at such rendezvous as you shall appoint. You will receive information concerning the Governor of Wem, which we leave to your especial care. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Lord Denbigh's messenger. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 68, 69. *Copy* = $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

April 17. Derby House. The same to the deputy-lieutenants of the county of Lancaster. We hear you are most sensible of the danger wherein the county of Salop now is and of the great importance thereof to the whole kingdom, and of your willingness to further this service with four troops of horse, which we very much approve of, and desire you forthwith besides the foot formerly appointed to send those four troops of horse to such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh shall appoint to serve under his Lordship's command. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 69. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

April 17. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We are informed that Colonel Barker's troop of horse is intended by you to go with Col. Purefoy's regiment. We wrote only for Col. Purefoy's regiment, which we conceive sufficient for the design intended. If that troop be marched out of Warwickshire we would not have it recalled without further order, but if it be in the county we desire that troop may attend the Earl of Denbigh in this service for Shropshire, and that you will forthwith supply the Earl of Denbigh with 300 foot according to our former directions, which we desire may be of such companies as may best effect this service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 69, 70. *Copy* = $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

April 17. Derby House. The same to Colonel Purefoy. We wrote you the 6th instant to be with your regiment at the general rendezvous towards Aylesbury on Friday the 19th instant, and of the same date that, notwithstanding that letter, if you found the way open to Gloucester so that you might safely march thither you should do so with your regiment and join yourself to Col. Massie, and take the opportunity

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to do the best service you can in those parts, since which time we have heard nothing from you, and therefore know not which way you have determined your motion. We desire, therefore, that you will speedily march to Gloucester according to former order. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Pury's care. [*Ibid., p.* 70. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 17. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. Upon consideration taken of the provision of victuals for your army, it is held the best course that you furnish your commissary with a proportion of money, a part of the soldiers' pay, who may therewith make provisions, and upon the issuing thereof to defalk it again out of your soldiers' pay. This is the course which my Lord General takes for those under his immediate command, and will also be taken for the other forces from other parts. You will also receive herewith a copy of what was written to you yesterday to Cambridge, which we thought fit again to send lest that should have miscarried. You shall receive further order to-morrow concerning your march. Signed as above, and sent by John Wellin, a courier of the Earl of Manchester. [*Ibid., p.* 71. *Copy.* ⅛ *p.*]

April 17. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received intelligence from Lord Fairfax of that good success that God has been pleased to give him and his son with their joined forces against the town of Selby, which, upon the 11th instant, they stormed in three several places at once, and after two hours took it. The prisoners and ammunition there taken are contained in the list underwritten, the names of the officers we have forborne to transcribe for brevity but would not omit to give you this notice of it that God may have the praise. The list:—

Col. Sir John Bellassis.
Col. Sir John Ramsden.
Sir Thos. Strickland.
2 Lieut.-Colonels.
4 Majors.
5 Horse Captains.
12 foot companies.
26 Lieutenants.
6 Cornets.
11 Ensigns.
9 Quartermasters.
1,600 common soldiers.
500 horse and more.

4 brass pieces of ordnance.
7 barrels of powder.
16 bundles of match.
2,000 arms.
17 ensigns brought in.
1 pinnace taken at Gainsborough.
Many ships and boats in the river.
Many marshals, trumpeters, corporals, drummers, and other officers.

Underwritten,

Note, that copies of the above were sent by a messenger of the Earl of Denbigh to Colonels Massie and Bridges, also to [*the Committees at*] *Coventry, Stafford, Lancashire, and Northampton, and to the Earl of Denbigh.* [*Ibid., pp.* 72, 73. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

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April 18. 82. [Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral of the Fleet] to Richard Panton, gent., servant of the Countess of Sussex. Warrant to enable him to prevent the abuses done about the river of Burnham *alias* Walfleet in Essex, by dredging and taking of oysters, encroaching on the commons and lanes, and damaging the roads and banks belonging to the marshes, and to bring up offenders before him, the Admiral, his Vice-Admiral, or justices of the peace for Essex. [*Draft.* 1 *p.*]

April 18. 83. Order of the Commons' House. That Sir Thos. Soame, and nine others named, who have offered 50*l.* each to enable the train of artillery to march to-morrow, do pay their money to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, for which they are to receive warrants for repayment out of the money coming in at Haberdashers' Hall. *Underwritten,*

83. 1. *This was carried up to the Lords by Sir Walter Erle and assented unto.* [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii.*, 464. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

April 18. Lathom. 84. Alexander Rigby to Sir Wm. Brereton, Bart., or in his absence, for the officer in command at Nantwich. We here have already presumed upon the confidence we have of our interest in you and your affections to the public, and now we having your mortar, it cannot be so useful to us as you desire, unless you please to furnish us with half-a-dozen or more shells for granadoes for the mortar piece, which I earnestly entreat from you to be delivered to this bearer for the more expedition in the work which now detains us from other services, and what satisfaction you shall desire for them you shall receive, if not from the rest of the deputy-lieutenants then from me. If any shells shall be left at the end of the work they shall be returned with the mortar by me. [⅔ *p.*]

April 18. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Messrs. Crew and Browne. Ordered, 1. That the Earl of Manchester shall draw one of his regiments out of Newport Pagnell, leaving the other there until the ordinance for the garrison of that place can be put in execution, which shall be speedily done, or in case he thinks it safe for the Northamptonshire men to go thither, in respect of the sickness that has been there, then to take out both his regiments. To leave it to his Lordship to appoint such a proportion of horse and foot as he shall think sufficient to dissipate the enemy's forces now in Lincolnshire, leaving the rest where they are till further order. 2. That Mr. Browne do report to the House [of Commons] for the speedy putting in execution of the ordinance for raising and maintaining the garrison of Newport [Pagnell]. 3. That the Excise men do in person attend the House of Commons in the afternoon according to the order of

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that House. 4. That the petition of Viscount Claneboy be transmitted to the House [of Commons]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 51.]

April 18. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have received yours of the 17th instant, and however it was here reported to the Committee that the garrison was to march out as this day, yet we had no reason to believe that you would wholly take out that garrison, but would have left a strength to secure it. Though we have been silent we yet thought it fit, having that information, to write something by way of caution only. We know it is necessary you should have your forces with you, and therefore you may draw out one of your regiments there and leave the other for the securing of that place until the ordinance for the garrison there can be put in execution, which shall be with all speed. But if you think it may be safe for the 500 Northamptonshire men that are appointed to come to the rendezvous to go into Newport which hath had much sickness (they being fresh men), then those men shall be put in there for the present until the said ordinance can be executed, and they being once there you may take out both the regiments to join with the rest of your body. Concerning the growing of those forces in Lincolnshire we think it necessary that you take or appoint such a proportion of horse and foot as to your judgment shall be sufficient to dissipate those forces, and the rest of your horse and foot where they are or thereabouts, in order to the rendezvous, until we shall send further order. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Capt. Robert and Capt. John Lilburn. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 71, 72. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

April 19. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Solicitor do report to the House of [Commons] the desire of this Committee for the amendment of the ordinance of both Houses of the 11th April, touching the propositions for peace. 2. That advice be sent to the Earl of Manchester to go with all his forces towards Lincolnshire, because Prince Rupert is coming that way with a great force. 3. That two letters be dispatched to the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scotts' army concerning the provisions now going away for supply of that army in the ships "Ralph" of Newcastle, and "Unity" of London. In the afternoon the Committee met again, when the same were present, except Warristone, Stapleton, Haselrigg, and Mr. Solicitor and Mr. Recorder. 4. That a letter be written to Lord Denbigh to desire him with all speed to relieve Salop, and that it be further considered at another time. To meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 52.]

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April 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We wrote to you yesterday to take or appoint such forces of horse and foot as in your judgment would be sufficient to dissipate the forces in Lincolnshire, and to leave the rest in the places whereabouts they now are, in order to the rendezvous. Upon present advice that there is a greater force under the conduct of Prince Rupert coming into those parts we think fit to add this further advice, that if you think fit you may appoint your whole force to march that way, and with them to do what shall be best for the service as it still appears to your judgment, and let us hear what resolution you take herein. Signed by the Earl of Northumberland and John Maitland, and sent by Rowland Fawkerd at 12 o'clock [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 73. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 19. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. The relief of the county of Salop requires speed, and to effect that service is our desire, and we assure ourselves it is also yours for the present to lay aside all things that may occasion delay. The business contained in your letter of the 16th we conceive more fit to be further considered of at another time, and then we shall be ready to do you such service as may in justice give you satisfaction. Signed as above, and sent by Col. Mitton at 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 74. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 20. 85. Order of the House of Commons. Referring the petitions of John Lovering and Samuel Clerk, merchants, on behalf of Christopher Clerk the elder, Richard Crossing and others, and all petitions of the like nature, to a Committee of the House, whose names are specified. The said Committee is to prepare an ordinance directing the Court of Admiralty for petitioners' relief; they are likewise empowered to order that the goods of such persons as they find fit to be relieved may not be disposed of till the Houses give further order; and have power to examine into the reported embezzling of divers goods to a great value taken out of the said ships. [*Printed more fully in Commons' Journals iii.*, 465. 1¼ *p.*]

April 20. Oxon., 12 at night. 86. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Sir Jacob Astley, Governor of Reading, or to his Deputy Governor. I have private notice from a very good hand that 3,000 men are sent out from London who march in the night and have marched already two nights, their design being for Reading, which they hope by surprisal and a party within the town to carry suddenly. Wherefore his Majesty commands that you keep good scouts abroad night and day to watch these rebels' motions, and that you be vigilant to discover what intelligence they hold or what party is affected to them in Reading; that so, by your timely discoveries of both, and securing of such as you find treacherous within, so great a mischief to his Majesty's affairs may be prevented. What is further to be done upon this information for the safety of Reading is left to your circumspection. P.S.—I pray send notice hereof to my Lord General [the Earl of Forth]. [*Seal with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

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April 20. 87. Warrant by the Committee for Safety of the kingdom to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant of the Ordnance. To deliver to John Berisford the 10 tons of saltpetre which you shall receive from Mr. Courteene by our order, the same to be reckoned as satisfaction from us for one third part of 2,700*l.* due to Mr. Beresford for 600 barrels of powder which he has delivered unto you for the service of the State, at 4*l.* 10*s.* the barrel. [$\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

April 20. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lord Warristone, Sir H. Vane, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Crew, that if the whole month's pay be provided his Excellency's whole army will speedily march; that if the 20,000*l.* be paid then he believes to draw presently into the field 2,000 horse and betwixt three and four thousand foot. 2. That it be likewise reported to the House by Mr. Crew; that if money can be provided the regiments of Aylesbury and Windsor may also be presently drawn forth. 3. That notice be sent to the Earl of Manchester of the advertisements received from the north and west. That a letter be written to Lord Fairfax noticing his good service and congratulating him on his success against the enemy. Also that he keep correspondence with the Scottish army; and if occasion offer [then to] join his forces and make use of all advantages against the Earl of Newcastle's forces. To intimate that 100 barrels of gunpowder are already sent to Hull for his use, and that care shall be taken for arms. In the afternoon the Committee met again when the same were present, except the Lord General Essex, Vane, Stapleton, Browne, and Mr. Recorder, besides Lord Maitland, who was absent in the morning. Ordered, 4. That Lord Grey attend this Committee on Monday afternoon, when Sir Arthur Haselrigg be also present. 5. That those who certified the things provided for Ireland do demand the same to be delivered up or certify the names of such as refuse. Upon reading the certificate of the Committee of Citizens Adventurers in London, now produced according to the order of the 19th of this instant April, it is now further ordered, that they be desired to collect and take into their hands whatsoever of the arms, artillery, ammunition, victuals, and provisions which they can receive from any of the persons named in the certificate, or from other persons, formerly provided for Ireland and not sent away. Also to send for and examine all persons therein concerned, and to take care and provide for shipping them away soon. And to make return of their doings to this Committee occasionally, so that they may receive such further order and direction as shall be fit. It is further ordered, and the said Committee is desired to hold such intelligence and correspondence with the Treasurers and Commissioners in the Low Countries employed about the collection of benevolencies for the poor Protestants of Ireland as formerly they have done, and to enform this Committee

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occasionally that such orders may be given them for disposing of the said provisions as shall be fit. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 53–4 and 63–4.]

April 20. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. Your welcome letter bringing the good news of that good success and victory which it pleased the Lord of Hosts to give your forces against the enemy at Selby found here such acceptation as the merit of an action so readily undertaken and so valiantly and successfully performed may justly challenge. For which victory the Houses have ordered that solemn thanks be given to God the giver of it on Tuesday next in London and the parts adjacent, and for which service we return you thanks and with all ready acknowledgment congratulate with you that honour God has done you in making you so signally instrumental in the promotion of this cause. We know you have always in these affairs showed so sound a judgment and so quick a motion that we should wrong both if we should either counsel or persuade. We leave all to you, who being upon the place will as occasion offers either by conjuncture or correspondence with the Scots' army take such resolutions and so act [upon] them as shall become you, and we doubt not but God will yet go on to do more by you and in His strength let you go on and prosper. It is written hither from Derby, Nottingham, and Leicester that Prince Rupert was about Burton-upon-Trent the 17th instant, and that he is arraying men in great numbers. That great store are forced to come in to serve him in Lincolnshire; that his intention is to visit you, or to break into the Eastern Association, but of this we doubt not you are before this advertised; and by your joining with or nearness to the Scots' army [will] be without the danger of him. Upon this advertisement we have also written to the Earl of Manchester to make use of all or what part of his force he shall think fit that way, so that if Prince Rupert comes towards you we trust he will be so well waited on as he shall give but a mean account of that action. By intelligence from the north we hear that the Scots' army was at Darlington on Sunday night, so as you being now also master of the field in Yorkshire we doubt not but we may receive a speedy and constant intelligence by your means from the Scots' army. Concerning the arms and ammunition you wrote for, care is taken of it and the ammunition is already aboard, and in all other things in our power we shall show how much your merit is valued in the Committee of both kingdoms. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by the care of Col. White. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 74, 75. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

April 21. 88. Propositions prepared by the Committee of both kingdoms for a safe and well grounded peace; to be presented to both Houses of Parliament of England and to the Convention of the Estates of Scotland, or their Committees, to be by them reviewed and considered, and then by the mutual advice and consent of both king-

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doms to be perfected. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.*, 531. *Copy.* 3⅓ *pp.*]

April 21. 89. Another copy of the same. [*This copy is dated April* 29, *that being the day on which the propositions were reported and read in the two Houses. See above reference.* 8 *pp.*]

April 21. Oxon. 90. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [the Earl of Forth, Lord General of his Majesty's Army]. That 3,000 men are marching by night against Reading as above [*see April* 20]. I cannot learn which way they come towards Reading, neither will your Excellency learn but by some scouts that must travel in the night. I have herein sent you the copy of an advertisement that came last night to me from London, from another hand than wrote what I read to you yesterday at Wallingford; which confirms what the other certified. I have news from Lady Jane Cavendish, daughter to the Marquis of Newcastle, that the Marquis is retired to York and his forces are drawing thither, and that the Scots endeavour to join with Lord Fairfax, which is a sad condition that noble Lord is in. [1½ *p.*]

April 21. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Maitland and Warristone, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Committee of Militia reminding them of speeding away Col. Harvey's regiment of horse, the Mayden troop, and Col. Turner's, for the assistance of Sir Wm. Waller. 2. That Col. Harvey attend this Committee at 8 a.m. to-morrow. 3. That the Lord General [Essex] be desired to send the party of horse about to be dispatched to such place as may be useful for the assistance of Sir W. Waller, or to go to Aylesbury and acquaint Waller therewith. 4. To inform Sir W. Waller of what is done for speeding away Col. Harvey's regiment of horse, the Mayden troop, and Col. Turner's for his supply, and to refer him to the Lord General's letter concerning the readiness of his Excellency's horse to give him assistance, and to desire him that he speedily acquaint the Committee of the certainty of the enemy's advance and of their strength. 5. To certify the Earl of Manchester the news from the north, and to desire him so to dispose of his forces that he may succour the north if there be occasion, or prevent Prince Rupert's coming southward if he shall take any such resolution; that he prevent the enemy's recruits in Lincolnshire; and send hither the gentlemen of Bedfordshire who offer the raising of a regiment there. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 53, 54.]

April 21. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We hear by letters from Hull of the 18th inst. that the Scotch army is about Wetherby, eight miles from York, and my Lord Fairfax with his forces are about Selby, and will speedily join at Bramham Moor, and that the Earl of Newcastle's forces are in and about York. We also hear that Prince Rupert with his army will be at

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Lichfield to-night. Whether he will go northward or southward we know not, but we earnestly desire you to take order for the best intelligence which way he marches, and that your forces may be at such places as may most conveniently succour in the north if there be occasion, or if Prince Rupert shall march southward that he may not get between your army and these parts. We doubt not but you will forthwith send such succour into Lincolnshire as may suppress the enemy in their recruiting and secure your Association. We desire you to send some of the Bedfordshire gentlemen hither who offer the raising of a regiment in that county, that we may understand the probability of their effecting it. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Jennings at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 76. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

April 21. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. Understanding by your letter of the 20th inst. of the enemy's advance to Basingstoke, we have written to the Committee of the Militia to quicken their care for speeding away Col. Harvey's regiment of horse, the Mayden troop, and Col. Turner's for your supply, and likewise given order for Col. Harvey to attend this Committee to-morrow for the same effect. My Lord General's letter will acquaint you in what readiness his forces are to give you assistance, and we desire to hear speedily from you of the certainty of the enemy's advance and of their strength, that we may frame our resolutions accordingly. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Pidcocke at 7 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 76, 77. *Copy* = $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

April 21. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Militia in London. Having received letters from Sir Wm. Waller informing us of the enemy's advance to Basingstoke with a considerable strength, and representing the necessity of sending to him speedily some strength of horse, have thought it necessary to put you in mind of speeding away Col. Harvey's regiment of horse, the Mayden troop, and Col. Turner for his supply. The necessity hereof will sufficiently appear if you consider how ready the enemy will be to revenge their late defeat and regain their former reputation by a retribution of the like kind whereunto we will add no further arguments, hoping you will lose no time in a matter which so much concerns the good of the public service. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 77. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

April 22. Oxon. 91. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army]. I have acquainted his Majesty with the necessity of your marching on Wednesday next from Newbury, and he approves very well of your opinion to quarter between Reading and Wallingford. I have spoken with Mr. Ashbournham touching payment of the men which were pressed for recruiting your Excellency's regiment. He saith he did not hear that they were come to Reading, only Sir Jacob Astley sent him word they would be there; and now he knows it, he will take a course for payment of them. As for the men of Donnington Castle which are at Reading Mr. Ashbournham sent their pay, as he saith, to the officers at Donnington for them.

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I hear that the Earl of Essex's forces will not be ready to march for Aylesbury these 8 or 10 days. There are some here of opinion that it would be no great difficulty to cut off Waller's forces in their march towards Aylesbury, since neither Essex nor the Earl of Manchester's forces are near to help him, but it is out of my element. P.S.—A party from Banbury hath killed and taken this day about 50 of the rebels that were making a garrison in Canons Ashby in Northamptonshire. I sent you this evening a packet from the King. [1 *p.*]

April 22. Paris. News from Paris. It is very certain and most true that the Queen [Henrietta Maria] of England has permission to come to France if she will. Mr. [Wm.] Crofts passed this week by me and is gone for England by Cherbourg for to fetch her if she will come, as he told me; he leaves his coach which he bought for that purpose at 200 pistoles at Caen to have it there ready to receive her at her landing, which must be thereabouts as most commodious; our four ships of war that keep the coasts of France have order to be ready to receive her at Weymouth if she will come. [*Extract. Foreign Series. French Correspondence,* 1644, *April* 22.]

April 22. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Maitland and Warristone, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business of the Propositions of Peace be taken into consideration at 3 p.m. In the afternoon when the Committee met again the same were present except Haselrigg, and in addition the Lord General [Essex], Mr. Crew, and Mr. Wallop. Ordered, 2. That the desire of this Committee for amendment of the ordinance of the 16th inst., as it is now passed by the House of Commons, and for enlargement of the time limited in the aforesaid ordinance, be reported to the House of Lords upon Thursday morning. To meet to-morrow at 5, afternoon. 3. That it be intimated to Lord Willoughby and his officers, that whereas a paper given in by Col. King to this Committee, wherein are some things concerning his Lordship and officers, is to be reported to the Houses on Thursday next, if he will know anything concerning it or will offer anything concerning it before it be reported, that then he will please to come to this Committee to-morrow night. 4. That Mr Recorder do report at the next sitting of the House the business of the ship at Arundel, and to desire speed in it. 5. That Mr. Solicitor do report to the House the ordinance about Sequestrations. And that intimation may be given to the Treasurers that there may be no diversion of the money to other uses until the 60,000*l.* for the Scotts' army in Ireland be paid. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 54, 55.]

April 23. Leicester. 92. The Committee of Leicester to Zouch Tate. We received your letter with the warrants to send up the witnesses against Sir Edward Hartopp and Major Bingley, whereof one warrant we sent

to Nottingham, and the witnesses are served therewith and go forwards to appear to be examined accordingly; the second we have served on the witnesses here, who will be ready at the time appointed; and the third we sent to Derby to Major [Robert] Sanders the captains and other witnesses there, who answer that they are so necessitated for the defence of that county, being in continual engagements with the enemy, that they being in command and daily employment there cannot be spared to attend to be examined before you in this cause; and therefore they humbly desire that the Committee who have the hearing of this cause would either give credit to what they formerly certified under their hands, or appoint the Committee at Derby, or such other as shall be thought fit, to take and transmit their examinations which they will justify upon oath there whensoever they shall be required. [1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

92. I. *List of* 11 *papers relating to the above-mentioned cause, noted as delivered to Mr. Peter Temple to extract the several articles out of those informations. April* 25. *Underwritten,*

92. II. *These* 11 *papers mentioned above were delivered to the Committee by Mr. Peter Temple,* 27 *April.* [1 *p.*]

April 23. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Nothing was this day voted. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 55.]

April 24. Oxon. 93. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army]. His Majesty hath herein sent you his answer to yours which he received this day. There are no new forces as yet come to Aylesbury, as I am well informed by a letter from thence this day. Some of Manchester's forces are drawn into Lincolnshire, as I am advertised, and others are at Cambridge. Cromwell's forces are at Bedford and Newport Pagnell. I hear nothing of Waller but what you sent to the King. I hear not of any forces marched as yet this week from London, but they are very busy there with their levies. I have sent you some of our printed news. [1 *p.*]

April 24. Newbury. 94. [The Earl of Forth, Lord General] to Sir Edw. Nicholas. I shall entreat you to let his Majesty know, that first two captains, my own officers, were according to his Majesty's warrant sent from my regiment to Abingdon to receive the 334 soldiers to be imprest out of Berks to recruit my regiment, whereof they received but 121, and of those 51 are since run away in two days for want of pay. Next the Commissioners appointed my officers to attend them at Abingdon to receive the rest upon Monday and Tuesday last, which my officers did accordingly but received not one man, the Commissioners being very negligent of his Majesty's service in this particular, Major Tooker only excepted, who will give his Majesty full information of the particulars. I beseech you represent unto his

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Majesty that unless greater care be taken, as well for the recruiting of my regiment and others as for due paying of them, his service will suffer much in this time of danger and so great need of men. P.S.—Be pleased to let his Majesty know we have received intelligence this day from good hands out of Waller's army; that Waller has order from London to fight with us and to draw towards this place. Lord Hopton, Lord Wilmott, and I have been viewing the ground, and have given order to cut down some hedges. We desire also that his Majesty may be pleased to send us 1,000 musketeers if he miss Reading, for we shall need them. [1 *p.*]

April 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Being Fast day no meeting was held. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 55.]

April 25. Oxon. 95. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army. Since my letter to you last night [*see above, No.* 93], I have received yours of the 24th [*see above, No.* 94], which I have shewn to his Majesty, who hath given order to the Governor of Reading to have in readiness 1,000 musketeers to march to the army when you shall send for them, which the King wishes may not be till your Excellency is sure the rebels will fight. Mr. Ashbournham hath order to take care for payment of your recruits and all the rest of the soldiers at Reading as fast as he can get money; and his Majesty will again send to quicken the Commissioners in pressing their men. I have herein sent you the copy of an advertisement I this morning received from Aylesbury from a very good hand, which your Excellency may rely upon. We hear nothing of Waller's motion, strength, or designs other than what you sent hither. [1 *p.*]

April 25. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton and Warristone, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Solicitor make report to the House of Commons of the paper given in against Lord Willoughby and others in the business of Newark and Lincoln. And because Lord Willoughby is a member of the House of Lords that what concerns him be reported to it. 2. That the Earl of Manchester's letter of 22 April be reported to the Commons by Mr. Solicitor. 3. That Mr. Pierpont do report to the Commons that it is needful that money be brought in for the last fortnight's pay. 4. That Mr. Wallop and Col. Norton do recommend the projected instructions from this Committee to the Earl of Pembroke concerning the business of the Isle of Wight. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 55.]

April 25. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We received your letter of the 23rd inst., and ordered that the same

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be reported to the House of Commons, who have this day resolved to renew your ordinance for three months longer. The Lord General has acquainted us that he has received intelligence from several parts that Prince Rupert is marching again to Oxford, which we thought fit to acquaint you with, that you may steer your course according as you shall think best to conduce to the public. Signed by Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Butler at 6 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 77. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 26. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Philip Stapleton, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, Barclay, and Crew. Ordered, 1. That Messrs. Wallop and Browne do go to the House of Lords to let them know, That this day being appointed for debate of the Propositions [of Peace], and for that the Scotts' Commissioners cannot sit in the afternoon, this Committee desires that the Lords upon this Committee may have leave to attend this Committee. 2. That a letter be written to Sir W. Waller to let him know that Major-General Browne is to have the command of that brigade of the three regiments of foot sent out by the Committee of Militia, and to desire that Col. Thompson's regiment of horse may in some more particular manner attend and be assisting to that brigade in regard of the relation which those horse have to the City. 3. That Col. Harvey do attend this Committee to-morrow. 4. That a sub-committee be appointed to expedite the business of Sir W. Waller and recommend it to the Western Committee, [nominated] Sir Henry Vane, senr., Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Mr. Wallop. 5. That the business of Col. Norton be likewise recommended by this sub-committee to the Committee of Hampshire. 6. That the Propositions of Peace prepared by the sub-committee be kept secret till such time as they be offered to the Houses of Parliament. That copies may be given by Mr. Pierpont to such of the Committee present as shall desire the same; these to be written out only by the Secretaries to the Committee. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 56.]

April 26. At our Court at Oxford. 96. Letter from the King "To our trusty and well beloved." This is a duplicate of the King's letter made by Sir Edward Nicholas to be kept as a copy. [*It is all in cipher, and no clue has been found to aid in deciphering it; should one subsequently be met with, the letter will be deciphered and printed at full in the Appendix at the end of the reign.*]

April 27. 97. Order of the House of Commons. That 500*l.* out of Haberdashers' Hall, payable at the end of three months, and 500*l.* out of the King's revenue, payable likewise at three months' end, shall be allowed to the county of Pembroke for buying arms and ammunition for the service of that county, the same to be paid to [Giles] Thelwall, M.P., upon account for that service, and Mr. Thelwall

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and Mr. White are added to the Committee for Gloucester and are to consider of the furnishing of these arms upon the credit of this 1,000*l.* payable as aforesaid. [⅔ *p.*]

April 27. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, the two Vanes, Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter from the Committee of Estates of Scotland now in Yorkshire with the army and the letter to this Committee from Lord Fairfax, be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir H. Vane, junr. 2. That the desire of the Commissioners of Scotland for answer to their papers of the 3rd and 6th of this inst. concerning sending money to the army speedily be likewise reported to the House by Sir. H. Vane, junr. 3. That the letter of 6 April from the Committee of Estates and the five papers concerning Irish affairs be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir H. Vane, junr. 4. That Sir H. Vane, senr., and Mr. Wallop report to the Committee of the West the petition of the western gentlemen about a Governor for Plymouth. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 57.]

April 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord Admiral. By the enclosed extracts of letters from the Governors of Lyme and Poole you will see the distress that the town of Lyme is in, and you well know what consequence the town is of to shipping in the west. By a clause of the letter of the Governor of Poole it seems he has caused three of the Parliament's ships to go thither, but whether they be gone or not we have no assurance, we therefore desire you if they be not gone that you will speed them away and order them to have such supply as they need and you can afford them, that the town may be preserved. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Butler, 7 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 78. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 27. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We doubt not before this time you have, by Col. Sidenham, heard of the distress of the town of Lyme, and you well know of what consequence it is to the west, and how long it has held out without any help. We commend it to your care and desire you will give them all the assistance you can. From the Scots' army we are advised that the Earl of Newcastle, upon the news of the taking of Selby by Lord Fairfax, made a flying retreat towards York, whither he came on Thursday week with 5,000 horse and 6,000 foot as they write, and the Scots' army to Wetherby on the Thursday following, where they joined with Lord Fairfax and are near York, and when they shall have fitted a bridge to the Ouse they intend to straiten those in York, and hope to give a good account of those parts. Signed as above, and sent by John Priestley, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 78. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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April 27. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have received your letter from Stamford and desire you still to keep a vigilant eye upon the motions of the enemies, that you may dispose of your affairs as they shall march northward or come southward. We understand by letters from Scotland of the 17th instant to the Committee here, that the Earl of Callender, Lieutenant-General, has marched towards the South Border of that kingdom with 10,000 foot and horse, and the Marquis of Argyle, with four or five regiments to the north against the Marquis of Huntley, wherewith we thought fit to acquaint you, the rather because of the mention made in Lord Fairfax's letter of Montrose marching to Dumfries, whereof we have sent you a copy and desire you to hold constant intelligence with the Scottish army. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Jennings, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 79. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

April 28. Coventry. 98. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee for Safety of both kingdoms]. I received just now from Stafford the ill news of the rendering up of Tong Castle. This, and what other losses shall happen must fall upon those who, for private ends, have thus long retarded and obstructed my proceedings. Colonel Barker's troop, contrary to your order and my summons, is gone the second time with Colonel Purefoy to Gloucester, and with him another troop of Major Bridges' without my privity or consent; and if whole counties must be thus exposed to ruin, and your orders neglected, to maintain persons—who have no great interest in this county and less in their affection—in that power and authority which is conferred upon me by Ordinance of Parliament, I know not what can be expected but ruin to these parts. Yet such is the respect I bear to the public service and your commands that, within six days, I intend with God's assistance to begin my march for Stafford, though my troops are but half armed and those raw and inexperienced soldiers, and the proportion not completed which I am to have out of this county. I am put in great hopes of raising considerable numbers of horse and foot in Staffordshire, but want arms; the enemy I hear will be much the stronger in horse, and therefore Gloucester being now relieved in all respects your Lordships will be pleased to order that Colonel Purefoy's regiment of horse may follow me into Staffordshire, or supply their defect some way as may seem most convenient and agreeable to your wisdom. Prince Rupert is gone to Oxford to clear some points in his instructions which left it too much to his arbitriment either to march to Oxford or into the north; and he would have orders more peremptory to free himself from the blame of any ill success that might happen. [2½ *pp.*]

April 28. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present [not stated]. Two letters were written and sent to the Lord Admiral [Warwick] and Sir W. Waller. The former to desire his Lordship to send some shipping to relieve Lyme [Regis.] The second to Sir Wm. Waller to take care of Lyme [Regis]. Also a

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letter to Edw. Earl of Manchester. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 57.]

April 29. Holborn. 99. E. Keeling to Robert Coytmore, secretary to the Earl of Warwick. I was in expectation you would have put a hand to my business ere this. I must confess for the public service—which I account this corporation of shipwrights to relate to—there is need enough to cherish this infant government; but for any comfort or benefit of mine in the further life of it, I shall willingly disclaim it. Do me the favour by your next to Mr. Jessop to signify the Lord Admiral's pleasure that I may address myself either to attend this or to disengage myself of my burden. [*Much damaged by damp.* 1 *p.*]

April 29. Blackfriars. 100. Commissary Lionel Copley to the Committee for Accounts at Alderman Freeman's house. Your directions concerning accounts and muster rolls I received yesternight, to which I must return this answer for the present. His Excellency has unexpectedly commanded me away about business, which I think will keep me beyond the ten days you mentioned. You know I am his officer, and so far know my own duty as not to dispute commands from him. I hope the want of the rolls will be of no real prejudice, being confident you intend not to call such officers as are going out to fight in the Parliament's service to account, for the other accounts I know there will be none. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

April 29. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg and Mr. Wallop carry Sir W. Waller's letter to the Committee of the West, and acquaint them with the extreme necessity his army stands in, [likewise that they] do report their answer thereupon this afternoon. 2. That such copies of the propositions as are to be presented to the Houses [of Parliament] and delivered to the Commissioners shall be subscribed by the sitters in the chair. 3. That the said propositions be this day reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Pierpont, and to the House of Lords by the Earl of Northumberland or by Lord Wharton. 4. That withal both Houses be informed that the Scotts' Commissioners have retarded [in] nothing the said propositions, but that to advance the same they are resolved that one of them shall go himself with them into Scotland to bring the sooner an answer back again with all diligence. In the afternoon.—Ordered, 5. That it be reported to the Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Solicitor [St. John] respectively, that the officers of the Lord General [Essex] will march toward their rendezvous upon Friday next or Saturday at the furthest, and that the Committee has assured the officers that the rest of the money shall be ready on Saturday or within three days after. 6. That Henley be appointed for the place of rendezvous.

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7. That letters be written to the Northampton Committee to send presently 500 foot and 200 horse to the rendezvous of his Excellency [Essex] with all possible speed. 8. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to go to London to cause the City regiments to be speedily completed and to march to the rendezvous of his Excellency [Essex]. 9. That Mr. Recorder do report to the House of Commons from this Committee that it is needful to provide money for the garrison of Aylesbury. 10. That a letter be written to the Committee to send Lord Grey's horse up with all speed to the rendezvous. 11. That Mr. Solicitor [St. John] do report to the House [of Commons] that the ordinance for the establishment may be passed. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 58, 59.]

April 29. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Northampton. My Lord General having to go immediately to his rendezvous we desire you will, according to our former letters of 7 April, cause that proportion of your forces we then desired, viz., 200 horse and 500 foot, to march forthwith to Aylesbury with all speed, and that you furnish them with convenient ammunition as we then intimated. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E, p.* 80. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

April 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lord Wharton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the propositions offered to this Committee by the gents. of Berks. be reported to the Houses by Lord Wharton and Sir Arthur Haselrigg respectively. After[wards] Mr. Pierpont was desired to report it. 2. That the petition of the Scottish Reformadoes be reported to the House of Commons with the desire of this Committee that they may be speeded away to their native kingdom where they are to be employed in service. 3. That Lord Grey be desired to be at this Committee to-morrow. 4. That Mr. Wallop do report to the House of Commons that the Lord General [Essex] may have two troops of dragoons added to his army and 100 firelocks for the train of artillery. 5. That the petition of the officers of his Excellency [the Lord General's] army concerning the oath for their account be reported to the Houses [of Lords and Commons] respectively. [*Interregnum 7 E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 59.]

April. Grant of the office of Garter Principal King-at-Arms to Sir Henry St. George, Norroy, vice Sir John Borough, deceased, with the fee of 50*l.* per annum from Michaelmas last, and all other profits during his good behaviour; subscribed upon signification of his Majesty's pleasure by Henry Lord Mowbray. [*Docquet.*]

April. A like grant of the office of Norroy King-at-Arms to Edward Walker, Esq. [*Docquet.*]

April. A like of the office of Chester Herald to Wm. Dugdale. [*Docquet.*]

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May 1. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Henry Vane, junr., and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That letters be written to the Committee at Leicester to desire them to complete the month's pay, whereof they have already paid a fortnight. 2. That letters of thanks be given to Sir John Gell for his discovery of the designs against Coventry, Stafford, &c. As also letters of advertisement to the Committees of Coventry, Stafford, and Leicester of the danger they were in of being betrayed. 3. To write to the Earl of Denbigh to speed his march to the relief of Wem, and that the Committee are sorry for the delays cast in by others and will examine the same; in particular why Col. Barker doth not attend him [Denbigh], and to desire his Lordship not to depend upon any assistance towards Wem of Col. Purefoy's regiment [or] of Col. Barker's troop for the present. 4. To write to Col. Barker to know why he did not obey the directions of the Committee. 5. That the desire of Sir W. Waller concerning proclamations to be made for all soldiers to repair to their charge and colours be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Wallop. 6. To write to Sir Wm. Waller that the Committee will take care speedily to cause the London horse to march toward him, and for proclamation to be made for all soldiers to repair to their charge and colours. Also that there is no information before the Committee against Major-General Pottley, but that they conceive him to be a person of honour and well deserving of the Commonwealth. 7. That Mr. Crew do report to the House [of Commons] the reasons of the Earl of Manchester's march to the place where he now is. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 59, 60.]

May 1. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee resident in the Scots' army. The letter which you wrote to your own Commissioners was communicated to us, whereby we perceive the great diligence your army has used in the pursuit of the enemy, and the great care you had of the safety of the forces with Lord Fairfax with whom we hear you are now joined; all which we cannot but acknowledge as a testimony of your hearty affection to this cause, wherein both kingdoms are so nearly concerned. We are very sensible of the great straits and difficulties your forces have undergone for our assistance, and therefore have taken the best care we can to afford you all possible encouragement by ordering the Earl of Manchester's forces to attend the motions of Prince Rupert, and by recommending to the Houses the speedy supplying your army with money, which we hear will be sent to you within a few days. For the rest of the occurrences here we shall refer them to Lord Warriston, who is resolved to pass through your army to Scotland. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Lord Warriston. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 79, 80. *Copy* $=\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to Alexander Earl of Leven. That Lord Warriston [Sir Archibald Johnstone] being about to make his repair into Scotland

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and to pass through your army, we doubt not but he will acquaint you with all occurrences here. We are very sensible of the many difficulties your army has met with since your coming into England by reason of the winter season and scarcity of provisions, and shall not fail (as we are bound both by treaty and gratitude) to use our utmost endeavours for your supply. We have lately heard that you removed your leaguer and marched with your army southward for the assistance of Lord Fairfax, who otherwise might have been distressed by the sudden approach of the Earl of Newcastle's forces. Your care and favour herein and upon all occasions for the safety of the kingdom we thankfully acknowledge. You will be made acquainted with such occurrences as are here by Lord Warriston who is now upon his journey into Scotland. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 80. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Leicester. We wrote you on the 7th ultimo intimating the general rendezvous then appointed, and desiring you to furnish Lord Grey's regiment with a month's pay for his march of which we are informed a fortnight thereof is paid. The time then appointed could not be kept, but now it will certainly hold this week on Friday or Saturday at the furthest, for which my Lord Grey shall have order from his Excellency, and therefore we desire you to furnish forthwith the rest of that month's pay that he may presently march with his regiment. The three troops of Col. Sir Edw. Hartopp, Capt. Hacker and Capt. Bodell we are content, according to your request, shall remain in your county for the defence thereof. Signed as above, and sent by Lord Denbigh's post to be forwarded to Leicester. [*Ibid., p.* 81. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We have received information that there has lately been some practice upon your town to betray it to the enemy, which we suppose you have been before advertised of, yet have thought fit to give you this intimation, knowing that to your diligence and faithfulness to the public besides the concurrence of your own interests therein it needs no more but to give you a word of notice and leave it to your care. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Samuel Wickens 7 p.m. *Underwritten,*

Copies of this letter were sent to Stafford and to Leicester.

[*Ibid., p.* 81. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We apprehend the loss of Tong Castle to be of great and ill consequence to the counties adjoining to it, and we know of no way to relieve them but by your speedy march there. We are sorry that your march has been deferred all this time contrary to our expectation, and shall ere long desire an account therein, and why our directions are not obeyed in Col. Barker's troop attending you. The design for Gloucester we cannot think convenient to be changed, so we desire you not to depend upon any assistance towards Wem of Col. Purefoy's regiment or for the present of Col. Barker's troop, which now to recall until we are more fully informed from those parts may be very

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prejudicial. We thank you for that notwithstanding the obstructions you mention you will march within 6 days after the date of your letter, for which we hope you will receive honour and the Commonwealth much benefit. Signed as above, and sent by his Lordship's servant, 7 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 82. *Copy.* ⅔*p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to Col. Barker, We sent directions that your troop should go along with the Earl of Denbigh for the service of the county of Salop and those parts. We desire to know from you why contrary thereto it is gone any other way. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have often pressed [for] and will speedily send about the march of the London horse to you, and will take order for proclamation to be made for sending all officers and soldiers to their charge and colours. There is no information before us against Major-General Potley, but as we told him [you?] so we conceive him to be a person of honour and well deserving for his service to the Commonwealth. [*Ibid. Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

May 1. Derby House. The same to Sir John Gell. We have received information that through your fidelity discovery has been made of some plots and designs against Derby, Coventry, Stafford, and other places, by which we hope the effect thereof will be prevented. We give thanks for so faithful service, and shall forbear to write anything further to incite your care, being assured that the same principles that have hitherto carried you with so much faithfulness to serve the public interests will keep you still vigilant against all their practices or attempts against it. *Underwritten,*

Copy sent by Lord Denbigh's servant. [*Ibid., p.* 83. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 1. 101. Commissary Wm. Jones to the High Constables of the hundred of Kingston and Elmbridge. By virtue of Sir Wm. Waller's commission to me these are to require you to raise within your hundred 30 able teems with wagons or carts to convey hay to me at the Antilope, in Farnham, with a return of the names of those that refuse. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

May 2. Oxford. 102. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of his Majesty's army, at Wantage. I received this letter enclosed at this instant from Banbury, whereby you will perceive that the forces of the garrisons of Warwick, Coventry, and Northampton are commanded to repair to Aylesbury. I further hear that besides the 22 troops of horse come near to Aylesbury there are about 2,000 foot at Uxbridge and on that road, and that more are to follow. Lord Charles Paulet will be sent to your Excellency to-morrow to be tried at a Court of War, for which purpose the Advocate is commanded to attend you with all the evidence against his Lordship and the rest. Prince Rupert is still here. I have had no letters from London since the last I sent you. [*Seal with arms, broken.* 1 *p.*]

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May 2. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the gentlemen attending from Suffolk and Norfolk do give in their objections in writing against keeping a garrison at Yarmouth, together with propositions for securing of that town and the islands [hundreds] of Flegg and Lothingland, that they may be sent to the Earl of Manchester. 2. To write to the Committee of Militia to hasten away the Mayden troop to Sir W. Waller; also that Colonel Harvey's regiment may be prepared to march. 3. That a sub-committee be appointed to consider of allowances to be given to the secretaries and other attendants, [nominated] Sir H. Vane, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Pierpont, or any two of them. 4. That the accounts of the post set up by Mr. Prideaux, at the desire of this Committee, be compared, and that upon Mr. Frost's certificate Sir H. Vane, senr., do make payment of the same. 5. That the messengers to Lancashire be sent away weekly, although there be no despatch to be sent hence, and that they be paid according to agreement. 6. That Mr. Crew do report to the House [of Commons] the arrears due to the garrison at Portsmouth, and that some part thereof may be sent to them. 7. That a copy of the Lord Admiral's letter, so far as concerns Trump [Van Tromp, Admiral of the Dutch fleet], be sent to the judge of the Admiralty, and that he be desired, together with Sir Nathaniel Brent and Dr. Eden, to consider of the said letter, and to be at this Committee on Monday next at 3 o'clock, to give their advice thereupon. 8. That the letter of the Committee of Estates of Scotland and the petition of Robert Thornton be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Crew. 9. That the petition of Jane Meldrum, relict of Col. Meldrum, be reported to the House by Sir Phil. Stapleton. 10. That the propositions now offered to the Committee by the gent. of Yarmouth, Suffolk, and Norfolk concerning the garrison of Yarmouth and of Flegg and Lothingland be inclosed in a letter to the Earl of Manchester, who is to acquaint this Committee with his resolution. 11. That the Governor of Aylesbury do furnish the garrison there with gun-sticks, bandoleers, and other necessaries out of the money now received. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 60, 61.]

May 2. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. Divers gentlemen of the House of Commons and others well affected of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, and town of Yarmouth, have presented to us the enclosed objections against the garrisons at Yarmouth and the islands of Flegg and Lothingland with their propositions for the safety of those places, which we desire you to take into serious consideration and send us your judgment thereupon. Signed by Ph. Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Col. King from the Earl of Northumberland's. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 83. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

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May 2. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Militia in London. The action of Sir Wm. Waller being hindered for want of horse and he continually calling upon us for supply thereof, and we having been put in hope by you that Col. Harvey's regiment and some others should have been before this time ready for that service, we have intimated so much to him, and he expects their march. We therefore desire you that with all expedition that regiment may be made ready to march, and that you will give us notice in what readiness it is, and as we understand the Mayden troop is complete we desire it may immediately march to Sir Wm. Waller until the other can be ready to march. Signed as above, and sent by John Priestly. [*Ibid., pp.* 83, 84. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

May 3. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, the two Vanes,, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the declaration of Hans Behre, presented by the Scotts' Commissioners, be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Browne respectively, and to leave it to the wisdom of the Houses to take what course they think fit for the prevention of the inconveniences that may ensue thereupon. 2. That the two letters from the Committee of Estates of Scotland and General Leslie to their Commissioners here be reported by Mr. Browne. In the afternoon.—Ordered, 3. That a copy of the Lord Admiral's letter to this Committee and of that of Captain Swanley to his Lordship be reported to-morrow to the House of Commons, leaving out the clause concerning Barnstaple. 4. That the business of Jersey be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next. 5. To write to Sir Wm. Waller that the Committee has sent to the Committee of the West about the money, and will take all care for the speedy sending thereof. Also that he enquire further concerning the forces of Surrey and send the particulars to this Committee by Sir Arthur Haselrigg at his return. 6. That Mr. Wallop do report to the House [of Commons] the earnest pressing of Sir W. Waller for money. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, pp.* 61, 62.]

May 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received your letters, and as for the money, we have sent to the Western Committee concerning it and will use all the care we can to have it speedily supplied. And as for the forces of Surrey we desire that you will enquire further into it and send up as many particulars thereof as you can by Sir Arthur Haselrigg at his return. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Sir William's own courier at 9 o'clock. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 84. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 3. 103. Petition of David Roch to Algernon Earl of Northumberland. Upon your reference of his former petition to Mr. Budd, petitioner hath prosecuted the cause now returned to your Lordship ever since; he having in his hands several bonds of debts due from

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Lymbrick [Limerick] men; there was also a bark and lading, "the Elizabeth of Limbrick," two years since seized as rebels' goods in your name and returned into the Admiralty Court, where it was sentenced this term. One Stephen Skellan, to whom the greatest part of the bark and lading belonged as partner with one Michael Helley, being indebted to petitioner in 400*l.* bond for payment of 168*l.* about two years since due, petitioner for satisfaction of this and other debts due to him by bonds from one Clanchie of Limerick, a partner with Skellan and Helley in merchandising, petitioned the House of Commons, who referred his case to the Committee for Gloucester as a special Committee; and they upon examination thereof, willing to relieve petitioner, found that the ship and goods were seized in your name and an inventory returned of 226*l.*, and the bark and goods released upon bail and caution of 3,000*l.* being given, which caution yet lies; so that your Lordship's title was a hindrance to petitioner's having satisfaction. Therefore the Committee willed petitioner to beg of your Lordship so much of the said caution as his debts amounted to by way of gift to be bestowed by you on him, and till he could obtain that favour from you they would proceed no further therein; which if you would bestow on him they would take some course to relieve him upon his petition in some way of payment of his said debts. He prays you to bestow on him so much of the caution, security, and appraisement as his said debts amount to towards satisfaction thereof. [1 *p.*] *Subjoined,*

103. I. *Answer of the Earl of Northumberland to the above petition. Whereas "the Elizabeth of Limerick" and her lading, seized long since by Sir Nicholas Slanning, then Vice-Admiral of Cornwall, is adjudged as confiscate to me by the Admiralty Court; in regard of petitioner's poverty and losses, and that it appeareth to me that part of the ship and lading belonged to Irishmen who are indebted to petitioner, I am content and do bestow on petitioner one half of that which by virtue of the said sentence and the caution taken in Court shall be recovered; and that petitioner may use all means to discover in whose hands the ship and lading or the proceeds thereof now are, and to recover the same at his own proper cost, and to his own use one moiety thereof. Northumberland House, May* 3, 1644. [½ *p.*]

May 4. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day, Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Phil. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business of Commissary General Behre be taken into consideration on Monday afternoon. and that the said Commissary be appointed to be here at that time. 2. That Sir Thos. Middleton and Sir Wm. Brereton be at this Committee on Monday afternoon. 3. [This Committee] to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 62.]

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May 5. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Earl of Pembroke be desired to come to this Committee to-morrow at 8 o'clock, and that Col. Norton, Mr. Whitehead, and Mr. Button be present at the same time. 2. That a letter be written to Sir W. Waller to let him know that this Committee hold it necessary that he send a party to relieve Lyme [Regis]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 62.]

May 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. Enclosed is a letter from the Governor of Lyme [Regis], whose desires expressed therein for the relief of the town we think very necessary to be granted. For the 300 men to be sent thither we hear you have given order for that already, but lest there should be any failing in it we hold it so absolutely necessary that we desire to send that number of foot away forthwith, if they be not gone. And because these men must be sent by sea, which the uncertainty of the winds may much retard, we think it would be of very great advantage to the public to send forth a considerable party of horse and dragoons for the present relief of that town. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Thos. Pidcock, who met him four miles from London.

[*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 84, 85. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

May 5. Oxford. 104. Sir Edw. Nicholas to the [Earl of Forth] Lord General of his Majesty's army. The reason this bearer, Mr. Advocate, did not sooner attend you was because the Lord Charles Paulet was not sent sooner than yesterday afternoon to the camp. He now comes prepared to attend your Excellency in the Court of War; and I have herewith sent you a book of the military orders which were last printed, for that I conceive they may be of some use to you. The advertisements enclosed from Aylesbury I received not till last night. I hear nothing either of the Earl of Essex's motion or of Sir Wm. Waller's. P.S.—We hear no news out of the west. [1 *p.*]

May 6. 105. Receipt by Maurice Gethin, for 143*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* received of Sir Gilbert Gerard in further part of a warrant from the Committee for Safety, dated 3 December 1642, for payment of 600*l.* to Mr. Holland and Mr. Jenner to buy clothes for maimed soldiers. [⅓ *p.*]

May 6. Knole. 106. The Committee of Kent to the Committee of both kingdoms. We well foresee the inconvenience of Sir William Waller's lying still as a guard for the Associated Counties to be but a more insensible ruin of both counties and kingdom. On the other side we cannot but know his removal into the west, leaving an enemy behind without any other guard, must be a danger if not a destruction to some part of our county, intelligence coming from all parts that they are resolved to enter Kent, though to their utter

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destruction. We confess we desire not to purchase their ruin at so dear a rate. To be insensible of our own danger upon our frequent intelligence would argue improvidence and stupidity; while to seem too sensible of any threatening ruin, compared with the more lingering destruction of the whole kingdom, by keeping such armies out of action, would argue too much timidity. We would willingly eschew the censure of either. But, my Lords, the case of our county differs from all others, for what we do and have done at most excessive charge hath been and is all out of our own purses without any additional help, when nothing hath been required of us, as well to defend others as ourselves, that hath not been cheerfully undergone; as, besides all former examples, our last 4 troops of horse sent out above the proportion of our Association will manifest. We repent not of any service for the public, yet we must be accountable to our county, who wholly entrust us with their persons and purses, if any danger happen to them when such forces as we have now sent out, with some small addition of the neighbouring trained bands, with the situation of our county is able to secure us from any danger of plundering, which is that we most fear; and to send out such forces from our own defence, and all upon our own charge, with the drawing together of our trained bands and horse troops at a double charge, will argue so much improvidence as we shall lose all credit with our county, and so be incapable of doing that service for the public we formerly have done; for—besides the soldiers' pay—arming, ammunition, &c., have cost the country 20,000*l.*, with little or no help from any but ourselves. This we represent to your consideration that we may be able from you to give some account to our county what defence it shall have, its own being drawn to remoter parts; Farnham Castle being the only visible stop, which cannot leave its own guard to come to our aid. All we desire is to have some answer from the honourable Committee that may testify no foresight of our county's danger hath been wanting in it. [*Endorsed:* "Received the 8th of May at Darby House." *Seal with device and motto.* 1 *p.*]

May 6. Oxford. 107. Sir Edw. Nicholas to [Patrick Earl of Forth], Lord General of the King's army. I have herein sent your Excellency his Majesty's answer on your last letter to me. We have here no certainty from Essex or Waller, other than what you wrote in your last, only some report that the Earl of Essex was this day to march out of London; but I am told—by one that came from London on Saturday—that he was that day in London. The letter inclosed is from Colonel Sandys concerning the exchange ordered by your Excellency. Prince Rupert went hence yesterday towards Shrewsbury. [1 *p.*]

May 6. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Wallop, and Robert Barclay. [At the morning sitting] the business of the

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Isle of Wight was discoursed on, the Earl of Pembroke being present, but nothing was put to the question. Afternoon.—Ordered, 1. That Sir Oliver Fleming be desired to come to this Committee at 6 o'clock to-morrow and to bring hither the letter from the Earl of Denbigh concerning Commissary General Behre. 2. That Behre be required to bring the original copy of his declaration which was posted up and give in the names of the translator and printer. 3. That Behre's declaration and the other declaration against him be sent to the Stationers' Company, that they may enquire by whom and by what authority they were printed and certify the same to this Committee, with the printer's copy. 4 This Committee to meet to-morrow at 8 a.m., when Sir W. Waller, Col. Norton, and Rd. Whitehead to attend. 5. To write to the Earl of Denbigh to hasten the relief of Wem, now straitly besieged. Also to cos. Lancashire, Cheshire, and Staffordshire. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. Day Book of Orders, p.* 63.]

May 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We are credibly informed that 17 troops of horse, esteemed 1,000, went on Thursday last by Warwick towards Shrewsbury, and we hear that those horse with Prince Rupert's body of horse and foot are for the north, to which we desire you to have an especial eye. We have not heard from you for six days, we desire you to send us all the occurrences of the parts you are in as speedily as you can. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and John Lord Maitland, and sent by John Priestly, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 85. *Copy.* 1⅓ *p.*]

May 6. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Enclosed is a letter from Wem. The succour of that place you see must be speedy, and we truly second our former letters, and desire you to give such relief as may be timely. We also enclose letters for Lancashire, Cheshire, and Staffordshire to be forthwith assistant under your command. We desire nothing may hinder or retard this service, which is of so great concernment to the whole kingdom. Signed as above, and sent by Richard Terry, the Coventry scout-master, 9 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Stafford. We have divers times written you about contributing your forces under the command of the Earl of Denbigh for the relief of Wem, whose necessities are great and not capable of any longer delay, therefore we again desire you with what force you can to be at such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh shall appoint for that service. Your own interest is motive enough, and therefore we shall press no other. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 86. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Nantwich. We wrote you on the 12th ult. to furnish 600 foot and all your horse for the relief of Wem, under the command of the Earl of Denbigh, the necessities of which place are better known to you by reason of your nearness, and we need use no other arguments to move you to a speedy assist-

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ance than your own danger in the neglect thereof. We therefore desire that those forces may not fail to be at such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh shall appoint for the said service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 6. Derby House. The same to the deputy-lieutenants of Lancashire. We wrote you the 12th ult. to declare the condition of Wem in Shropshire, and to desire that the regiments of Col. Holland and Col. J. Booth might be drawn out for their relief, and that what those regiments should want of 2,000 might be made up with musketeers to that number. We know that by your nearness to them you cannot be ignorant of their danger, nor of your own, if they should miscarry. We desire, therefore, that you will with all expedition be ready to be at such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh shall appoint for that service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 87. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 7. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Essex, Lords Say and Maitland, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Philip Stapleton, Sir Henry Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter from Nantwich be reported to the House of Commons by Sir Henry Vane, with the sense of this Committee that it is very necessary that Sir Thomas Middleton and Sir Wm. Brereton be speeded away into those parts. 2. That a letter be written to Col. Stapley to let him understand the condition of the town of Lyme [Regis], and to desire him to send 100 men for their speedy relief, and that another letter be written to the Committee of the Isle of Wight to desire them to send provisions for supplying the great necessities of that town. 3. That Sir Wm. Waller send an express for speeding away the 120 soldiers formerly designed by him for the relief of Lyme. 4. That the business of a design by the Lord General's forces and Sir Wm. Waller's be taken into consideration to-morrow in the afternoon. 5. That Sir Wm. Balfour, Cols. Middleton and Holborne, and Captain Kerr be desired to come to this Committee this afternoon about six of the clock. 6. That Colonel Harvey be desired to be here at this Committee in the afternoon about 6 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 64.]

May 7. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Stapley. How faithfully and constantly the town of Lyme has held out against all the attempts that have been made upon it you well know, and how much it concerns us to have it continue in the Parliament's hands. They are at present in straits and cannot subsist without supply both of men and other necessaries. We therefore desire you forthwith to furnish them with 100 men out of your garrisons to be sent thither by sea with all speed. There are some other forces to go thither from Southampton and Portsmouth. We desire you to send these also to Portsmouth and desire Mr. Hooper there to take care for the sending thereof, which we are assured you will be ready to do in regard both of the danger of its loss and the consequence of it. Signed by Wm. Viscount Saye and Sele and

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John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Butler 8 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 87. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 7. Derby House. The same to the Gentlemen of the Isle of Wight. The Committee have had good experience of your readiness to serve the Parliament, and found it in those ready and cheerful supplies you gave to Sir William Waller's army, who has given to the Committee a very full testimony of your affection therein showed. This gives us assurance that you will with the same readiness afford a present supply of some provisions of victuals for the town of Lyme, which has hitherto faithfully held out against all opposition or attempts made upon them, but are now in some straits and cannot long subsist without such supplies. These we therefore desire you will with all expedition send to them, and in the meantime give them some intimation thereof for their better encouragement until those supplies shall arrive there. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 88. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 7. Oxford. 108. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Patrick [Earl of Forth]. I have moved his Majesty to the effect of your advice sent by Mr. Advocate General, concerning Lord Charles Paulet. His royal pleasure is that his Lordship shall have his gracious pardon; meanwhile your Excellency to take sufficient bail of him and so to discharge the Court if you please. [*Seal with arms and crest.* ½ *p.*]

May 7. Childrey. 109. Patrick [Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army], to Sir E. Nicholas. We received his Majesty's commands yesternight to pursue Waller if he should advance towards the west before the Earl of Essex shall march out of London towards Oxford. In regard we have no knowledge of Essex's movements, unless we receive particular advertisements from you that Essex is moving towards Oxford, we conceive it his Majesty's express pleasure that we pursue Waller if he advances westward, and shall think we obey his commands in so doing. This you will be pleased to represent to his Majesty, that there may be no mistakes. But for the other point, his Majesty has not yet signified his pleasure unto us what we are to do if Essex should move towards Oxford, wherein we wholly rely upon your intelligence, and desire to know his Majesty's express pleasure. P.S.—We received advice yesternight to march towards Marlow, and this day to march towards the west, which seems to be a contradiction, as east and west are opposite points. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

May 8. 110. Bond of Thos. Clough and Luke Rawlinson in 400*l.* to the King, conditioned that whereas Thos. Clough is by Ordinance of both Houses of 21 Sept. last appointed receiver of the Queen's revenues in co. York, he shall account for such rents and moneys as he shall receive to the auditor appointed by the Committee of the Revenue, and shall pay over all such money to Thos. Fauconbridge, the Receiver General at Westminster, and perform such instructions as he shall receive from the said Committee, when this obligation to be void. [*Two seals, one with crest, and the other with arms. Latin and English.* 1 *p.*]

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May 8. Oxford. 111. Sir E. Nicholas to Patrick [Earl of Forth], Lord General of the King's army. I have acquainted his Majesty with your letter of the 7th present, who saith that what was sent you concerning a party to be sent towards Marlow was only by way of advice, as your Excellency should see cause. When we have any certain notice of the motions of the Earl of Essex or of Waller you shall have it by the first. My letters from London dated Monday say that Essex was then there, and it was said he would march on this day or some day this week, but that there were many controversies amongst the Lords themselves and between the two Houses. His Majesty wishes your Excellency should consider what will be fit to be done in case the Earl of Essex draw this way, that you may be ready to give him advice therein when he comes to you, which he saith shall be as soon as he is certain of Essex marching towards this place. The King has this day given a strict command that all officers in the army repair to their charges immediately, and order shall be given to the Governor [of Reading?] as your Excellency desires. Waller's forces are not great, nor well satisfied. [1 *p.*]

May 8. Oxford. 112. The same to the same. I have acquainted his Majesty with yours of this day, and with the intelligence you enclosed, and have his command to send to Sir Jacob Astley and Sir Charles Blunt to hold better correspondence with you. My letters from London say that the Earl of Essex will not come forth till the end of this week at soonest; some of his prest men are about Hounslow, where they were this day to be mustered. There are great divisions amongst them at London and between the two Houses. Waller was in London on Monday for 5,000*l.*, which was ordered but not so soon paid. The gentlemen of Hampshire are much displeased with Waller, and have complained of him. [1 *p.*]

May 8. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the propositions of the gentlemen of the Isle of Wight presented to this Committee by Lord Admiral [Warwick] be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir H. Vane, junr. 2. To answer the letter of the 6th inst. from the Committee of Kent, assuring them that their forces now abroad shall not be employed except for their own security, and requesting the continuance of their horse for some time longer, which after the first month will be taken into pay by the State. 3. That Colonel Harvey's regiment shall march on Wednesday next to join Sir W. Waller's army. This being signified to him, he was allowed time to consider of it till the morrow. 4. That the Earl of Manchester's letter of the 6th, communicating the news of the good success of his forces at Lincoln, be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir H. Vane, junr., respectively. 5. To write to the Earl of Manchester thanking him for his good service, and acquainting him that information had come that Prince Rupert is marched with his whole force, horse and foot, toward the north with the design of encountering his Lordship's army, and

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therefore to take care for good intelligence of his approach, and to hold such correspondence with the Scottish army that they may be able to assist each other and guard against surprise. 6. The letters to the Earl of Manchester and to the Committee of Kent being read were ordered to be transcribed and dispatched away. 7. That all the forces under the immediate command of his Excellency [Essex] and those under Sir W. Waller shall march against the enemy wheresoever they appear in a body in the south or west. 8. That the propositions following be reported to the House by Mr. Solicitor [St. John]:—That the 3,000*l.* formerly assigned for payment of the garrison of Aylesbury may be speedily paid that those forces may be enabled to March. That the Committee of Leicester shall be quickened in such manner as the House of Commons shall think fit for payment of the moneys for which they are engaged to Lord Grey's regiment of horse. That there be provision made for bullets. That the London regiments may receive such satisfaction as may encourage them to continue the service with his Excellency [Essex] and Sir William Waller. That the two companies of dragoons under Capt. Shilborne and another Captain may be cared for, they being the only dragoons in the army. That the 5,000*l.* appointed for the pay of the army of Sir Wm. Waller be made up 15,000*l.*, and 1,550*l.* added to it to make good what was formerly disbursed for the service. That the Kentish horse may not be withdrawn. That the regiment of Farnham may be immediately paid, that thereby Sir Wm. Waller may be enabled to draw a part thereof into the field as formerly he hath done. That Col. Harvey's regiment and the other two troops of Col. Thompson's regiment may be dispatched to Sir Wm. Waller. That such as run away from the colours may be punished, and command given to all officers and soldiers to repair to their charges and colours. That direction may be given to the Sussex regiment belonging to the Association to march up to Sir Wm. Waller. That the Committees for the Association and the West will settle a proportion of 500 draught horses for the train [of artillery]. That the money appointed by the Ordinance [of Parliament] for the Lord General's army may be constantly provided; and the City and the Excise men spoken to from the House [of Commons to that effect]. 9. That the petition of Mr. Stuart formerly ordered to be reported to the House by Mr. Crew be now reported by Mr. Wallop. This Commitee to meet to morrow at 8 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 7 *E. pp.* 65, 66.]

May 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Kent. We cannot but very much commend your care and providence for the safety of your county who have been so forward and ready upon all occasions to send out your forces for the assistance of the public, which obliges us so to tender the safety of your county in the managing of the public designs as the enemy may not have opportunity to endanger the same whilst your forces are employed elsewhere, and of this you may be assured we shall be very careful. Concerning the 400 horse you last sent to Sir William Waller we are commanded by the House of Commons to recommend it to you,

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and do desire you to continue them in that service for some longer time, Sir Wm. Waller being now in readiness to march for the service of the kingdom; and for your encouragement therein we hold it very reasonable that after the first month that regiment of horse should be maintained upon the pay of the state, and to that end we shall desire you to inform us speedily what way you would think fit to propound to the House of Commons to enable yourselves to pay the said regiment whilst it shall continue in the service, which as soon as we shall know we shall be ready to give it our best recommendations to the House, and of this we desire your speedy answer. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., pp.* 88, 89. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

May 8. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We join with you to give Almighty God the praise for your good success in taking Lincoln, and present our thanks to you for your great service to the Commonwealth therein. We are informed that Prince Rupert is for the north with his whole body of horse and foot besides the 17 troops mentioned in our last to you, and that his chief design is to fight with your army. We desire you to take order for very good intelligence of his approaching near you, which we hear will be speedy, and that you will hold such correspondence with the Scotch army as you may best be assistant each to the other, and that no surprise may be on either. We shall speedily send to you of our affairs here, but we would not stay this an hour from you. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Richard Gardner. [*Ibid, p.* 89. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 9. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Essex and Northumberland, Lords Say and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr. and junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, and Robt. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business of Lymington and Hurst [Castle] offered to this Committee by Mr. Button be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Wallop. 2. Afternoon.—That the Earl of Denbigh's letter and the petition of Sir Henry Spottiswood to his Majesty be sent to the Committee of Examinations, together with Sir Henry and Mr. Featherstone priest to be by them committed. 3. That all the gunpowder now in Leaden Hall be removed into the White Tower of London for more safety, great fear and danger being occasioned by the daily concurrence of all sorts of people to the Hall. Also that all powder made here or brought to London from foreign parts be carried to the Tower, the same to be kept for and disposed of by the owners as they shall think fit. 4. [This order] to be directed to the Lieutenant of the Tower and all other officers there whom it may concern. 5. To write to the Committees of Rutlandshire for payment of some part of the arrears due to the garrison of Burley, and [to provide for] their further maintenance. 6. Resolved, &c., That it is the opinion of this Committee that the most material things in the last resolutions of the House [of Commons] for enabling the forces under the Lord

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General and Sir W. Waller to march being performed, that they find these forces in readiness to march for the prosecution of the design intended, and they are resolved that the forces shall march accordingly. This [resolution] to be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Solicitor [St. John] respectively. 7. That the letter of the Prince Elector [Palatine] be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Solicitor [St. John], and that the Earl of Northumberland and Lord Maitland be desired to employ some[one] for drafting a letter in answer, to shew that. 8. That two of this Committee withdraw, and consider what allowances are fit to be given to the secretaries and other attendants. Sir H. Vane, junr., and Mr. Wallop [designated]. 9. That copies of the Earl of Denbigh's letter and other papers concerning the business of Commissary General Behre be given to the Scotch Commissioners. 10. That the Committee of Revenue be desired to pay into the hands of Mr. Frost 300*l.* in addition to the 200*l.* already received, the same to be distributed by Mr. Frost according to the note of the sub-committee. 11. That it be reported to both Houses of Parliament by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Browne respectively, that this Committee, according to the order of the Houses, took into their consideration the declaration of Commissary General Behre, and propounded to him several questions, to one whereof he refused to answer, in respect it concerned his friend. They likewise sent the declaration and the other declarat concerning it to the Stationers' Company, to inquire by whom and by what authority they were printed. They intended to have proceeded further to the examination of the whole business, but were interrupted by the intervention of the great affairs concerning the marching of the armies, and the expiring of the ordinance constituting this Committee. All which they thought fit to offer to the wisdom of the Houses, that some speedy course may be taken for the further examination thereof. 12. To write to the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army near York, to let them know that there is sent to them, by the ship "Deliverance of London," a supply of peas, oats, oatmeal, butter, cheese, biscuit, boots, and shoes for the Scottish army. 13. That the officers of Col. Harvey's regiment, viz., Major Mainwaring, Capt. Heriott Washbourne, Capt. Norwood, Capt. Symon Hackett, and Capt. John Blackwell, junr., do attend this Committee in the afternoon, or else in the morning at 8 a.m. 14. That the examination of the business of Surrey, Sir Richard Onslow and Mr. Stoughton, be reported to the House [of Commons] to-morrow by Sir H. Vane, junr. 15. That Mr. Browne do report to the House that this Committee has made use of 300*l.* above the 200*l.* received from the Committee of the Revenue for intelligence and other necessaries, in all 500*l.* [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 67–69.]

May 9. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Rutland. Thinking it very necessary that the garrison of Burley be entertained for the safety of that and the adjacent places, we have

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thought good to put you in mind thereof, and desire you accordingly to take order for some supply of money for the said garrison, wherein we do not doubt but you will show such willingness and readiness as the dangers of the times and the care of your preservation do invite you to. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 90. *Copy.* ½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

Sent by Lord Grey's servant.

May 9. Oxford. 113. Sir Edw. Nicholas to Patrick Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army. His Majesty resolves to be with you to-morrow morning by 9 o'clock, and desires your Excellency to send him word this night whether you would advise him to come to your lodging at Childrey or to Wantage, and accordingly to expect him; and to give order to Lord Hopton, Lord Wilmot, and the rest of the officers of the field to attend his Majesty. I have written by his Majesty's command to Sir Jacob Astley, and willed him to send to Sir Charles Blunt to hold diligent correspondence with you. I have herein sent you such intelligence as I have received concerning the rebels' forces. His Majesty expects to hear from you this night. P.S.—Your Excellency shall do well to advise Sir Jacob Astley hereof that he may also attend his Majesty at the same place to-morrow. *Addressed:* "At his Excellency's lodging at Childrey, near Wantage, with all speed. Edw. Nicholas, Oxon, the ninth of May 1644, at ten in the morning." [*Three seals with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

113. I. *Intelligence sent from Brightwell in Berks, dated this Thursday morning* [*May* 9]. *At my coming home I found an alarm of* [*the Earl of*] *Essex's advance as far as Wickham. On Tuesday night* 500 *horse came in there; on Wednesday night more were expected.* 20 *pieces of cannon came into Beaconsfield on Tuesday night. I dare not keep your books, but have sent them you back again. When we see where the storm lights, if not about us, I shall fetch them from you again, but for the present I thought them not safe in my hands. This* [*news*] *of the advance* [*of Essex*] *you may give credit to, H. Pamplin having occasion was yesterday at Wickham, where he saw the horse, and there came home with him a friend's man of my acquaintance, who came yesterday through Beaconsfield and told* [*him of*] *the cannon. P.S.—If you had not any notice of the advance of Essex before, only spare my name. I have sent you the book wherein is the exhortation to be used before taking the Covenant.* [*Signature cut out.* 1 *p.*]

May 9. Oxford. 114. The same to the same. When His Majesty gave me command to send to your Excellency that he would be with you to-morrow, he did not remember the Fast day, and therefore hath commanded me now to send express to desire you to meet him to-morrow by one or two o'clock in the afternoon at Abingdon, and to bring thither with you Lord Hopton, Sir Jacob Astley—to whom

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I have written to be with you by 9 o'clock to-morrow morning—and Colonel Charles Lloyd, the Quartermaster-General. There is order also sent to Lord Wilmot to be at Abingdon by one o'clock to-morrow, his Majesty being resolved to go from hence to-morrow, presently after the sermon. [1 *p.*]

May 9. Dunkirk. 115. William Sandys to Sir Hugh Chomley, Governor of Scarborough. I have written divers letters to you to which if I might have had any answer I should ere this have furnished you with arms and ammunition; but not understanding how to promise merchants in point of price and payment I have expected your undertaking to me therein, and your order what sorts of ammunition [you desire] and what commodities you would deliver in return for the same. To satisfy the merchants the only time hath been omitted, yet I should send some proportions continually in case the price will consider the hazards they run against the Hollander, who lies before the haven and at sea, and the Parliament's ships, of which you will understand the number, and the difficulty of this summer passage in respect of calms and light nights. For the reasons aforesaid no man will insure, and the Scots [being] so much advanced southward great diffidence is had in payment. Yet shall [I] through all these difficulties get some to adventure as soon as I receive an effectual assurance from you for payment in five days after arrival. If you will provide lead and wool and the finest northern cloths it will be most acceptable to the merchants for [the] present. I have prevailed with William Laurence and Giles Wiggoner the bearers hereof to bring you upon their own adventures this list of arms through all these hazards, and they have long waited here to get these arms, and therefore must be considered the more; and in respect their parcel is not great, for encouragement to them to proceed you will do very good service in giving them what the King gives in the West, 21*s.* the musket. But these muskets being second hand, having been used, but said to be better for use than new, being better fortified, less may give good contentment. I have not seen them, therefore you must not rely on my information; but I earnestly entreat, as a business of great concernment for your supplies, give them very good contentment both for their arms, payment, and returns. The sooner they be sent back to declare to others a good voyage you will sooner find the advantage to your service. I sent a ship for Newcastle the beginning of February last which was taken by Zealanders and there yet detained, wherein were arms for near 2,000 horse and foot, with powder. I also sent two Danish ships to Newcastle to bring back their returns, and with letters to the Marquis of Newcastle, Sir Thos. Glemham, and others; that in case the ship of arms arrived not within ten days after the Danish ship, the wind serving—the ship of arms being to go to sea the next tide—that they should return those ships laden with coal, for which I would be answerable. Those ships were kept ten weeks before lading, by which [time] the sea was full of rebels' ships, and so both [were] taken; and as I was so little regarded as to have them

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stayed so long before they were laden, many who were engaged by promise and provision of arms to supply the north with retracted their purposes, and others well disposed [have] grown cold, which hath done the King's service and me, in particular, very great prejudice. Therefore be pleased that these men may not likewise bring back complaints of me for undertaking more than shall be performed by you. If you please to trust their ship, a very excellent sailer, with any commodity to buy arms with, I will see it disposed for the best advantage, for they be persons you may safely trust. If you could get your Scarborough men to raise 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* or more and buy some frigates, it would very much advantage the King's service there and their profits. Let me understand by all ways your desires for Holland and Flanders, and how you proceed in the north and Scotland. P.S.—To have constant intelligence from the north is of great use here, and therefore entreat I may not want that means to serve his Majesty. Those men have been disappointed of a greater proportion of arms which otherwise had come had I suffered them to stay. Therefore it is requisite they be paid for those beyond what hath been paid to any, otherwise they will make a losing voyage. For their two bags of hops and six puncheon of currants I have promised no customs shall be paid. What arms you desire send me a list of, and such prices as may induce men to adventure through all these hazards of passage and payment, the rebel Scot being advanced so near you; and what you undertake you must see performed punctually, and thereby I may be able to supply you. The 100 barrels of powder are not paid for, long since sent upon Mr. Hasdonck's account. I have only received one letter from you, for receipt of the powder, and none from the Marquis of Newcastle nor Sir Thos. Glemham, having often written to them, so that if I might have had any answer I had opportunity to have given them and you good supplies. [4⅓ *pp.*]

May 9. 116. Information of Jeoffrey Hawkins in the case of Sir Edward Hartopp. Whereas Wm. Swynfen was required to render his testimony concerning the carriage of Sir Edward Hartopp and others near Loughborough, I am ready to depose that this day Lieut. Cotton at Sir Edward's order, meeting at the hall-door with Mr. Swynfen, fell upon him and gave him many ill words and threats. [½ *p.*]

May 10. 117. Petition of George Palmer, Thos. Buckley, Wm. Swynfen, and three others to the House of Commons. Petitioners being commanded to wait at Westminster to give testimony concerning the behaviour of Sir Edward Hartopp and Major Bingley in the design against the enemy at Loughborough in March last, when coming out of Westminster [hall] after doing that service were repeatedly called a company of rogues by Henry Earl of Stamford, who particularized Thos. Buckley, calling him a lying rogue and threatening him with his cane-staff. Petitioners pray the House to vindicate their good names from such scandalous and opprobrious speeches. [1 *p.*]

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May 10. 118. Ordered by the Commons' House that the above petition of George Palmer, Thos. Buckley, and four others be referred to the Committee for the examination of Sir Edward Hartopp's business. [¼ *p.*]

May 10. Ordered by the Commons' House that the petition of Thos. Haselrigg and the information of Jeoffrey Hawkins against Lieut. Cotton and the information of Lord Grey against Mr. Haselrigg about the opening of a letter directed to his Lordship be referred to the same Committee. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.* ¼ *p.*]

May 10. Ordered by the Commons' House that it be referred to the same Committee to compose the difference between the gentlemen and commanders in co. Leicester, except in matters concerning the privilege of Parliament. *Endorsed:* The business concerning Lord Grey and others of Leicester. [*Written on the same paper.* ¼ *p.*]

May 11. Chawseley. [Chawsey.] 119. [The Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army] to Sir E. Nicholas. We are now come to Chawsley [Chawsey ?] where the army is quartered, and to-morrow, God willing, we intend to be at Reading. We do not hear that the rebels are any further advanced than they were two days ago. Essex and Waller were certainly both at London the 9th inst. This enclosed Lord Hopton received just now from Col. Cary [Carew], which, though it bears date the 8th, came with another of the 10th inst., which gives us assurance that Colonel Cary's was not sent away till the 10th. This letter gives us just cause of apprehension that that brigade is not likely to return to us so soon as the necessity of his Majesty's affairs here requires, but spends time there upon other orders. We pray you speedily to move his Majesty to write him an order forthwith to march hither, notwithstanding any other orders whatsoever; for truly, if that brigade be wanting, we cannot be answerable for his Majesty's affairs here, it being a great part of our horse. Be serious and speedy in this business and send us a copy of the order, but let the order itself be sent away with all possible speed to Colonel Cary. [1 *p.*]

May 11. Dunkirk. 120. William Sandys to Sir Hugh Cholmley, Governor of Scarborough. I have sent you by his Majesty's order, by Giles Wiggoner, master of the Sunflower, of Wivenhoe, a member of the port of Colchester, 182 rapiers, 142 belts, and 320 muskets, with bandoleers, for the arming of your garrison. I have also sent, in pursuance of your order, 2 bags of hops and 6 puncheons of currants. You are to pay, in three days after arrival, the master for his freight, 50*l.* Let his Majesty understand of the arrival hereof. P.S.—I desire your receipt for the same, whereby I may discharge myself upon my account to his Majesty. *Dorso:* This [letter] was intended, if he had met with the King's ships to have been shewed to them. [1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

120. I. *List of arms and other things sent by Giles Wiggoner, signed by Sandys. I have already begun a process in Clarke's name for Sir Wm. Davenant.* [*Strip of paper.*]

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May 12. Oxford. 121. Sir E. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of his Majesty's army. I received yours of the 11th present with that of Colonel Carew last night about 12 o'olock, after his Majesty was in bed, and this morning as soon as he was stirring I acquainted him with it and thereupon got his express command to Colonel Carew to hasten with all diligence, as by a copy of his Majesty's letter enclosed you will perceive. His Majesty was much troubled to see the diversion of Colonel Carew from performance of the commands he had received from him. I hear from London that the ordinance for the Great Council of State [Committee of both kingdoms] expiring on Friday last—there is much division amongst them about the choice of new Councillors; that neither the Earl of Essex nor Waller are supplied with the sums of money they demand for their soldiers, and that they were both in London last Thursday. I am advertised that for certain the Earl of Essex will not be able to come away till the end of this week, if so soon, before which time I hope Reading will be totally slighted. I hear that it was voted in the House of Commons and spoken of at a conference [of both Houses] that Sir Wm. Waller should take Reading and put a garrison into it, and that the Earl of Essex should do the like with Oxford. Letters from Newark say the Earl of Manchester and Cromwell have taken Lincoln by assault; this was there reported on Monday last, but there is one newly come to this town who says he came out of Lincolnshire on Wednesday last when he met two hurt soldiers of the rebels, who told him the Earl of Manchester assaulted the town of Lincoln but was repulsed. We have certain news that his Majesty's forces before Lyme [Regis] were repulsed, and that there is no good agreement amongst the commanders-in-chief in the King's army there. P.S.—We hear from the north that York is well provided of victuals till the end of this month. Lord Montrose has taken the Earl of Annandale prisoner. [*Seal with arms and crest.* 2 *pp.*]

May 12. Dunkirk. 122. William Sandys to [Marten Harpenson Van Tromp, Admiral of the States General]. Describes the ship Sunflower of Wivenhoe near Colchester and its lading for the use of Scarborough garrison as above. [*See May* 11, *No.* 120.] I thought fit to certify you this that you may understand how the lading, ship, and master, with others in the ship, are for his Majesty's special service, and of such concernment as may not be hindered by any of your Lordship's fleet without much prejudice to his Majesty's service and unfitting omission of regard due to the Alliance. I expect two ships from Exeter or Dartmouth from one appointed by his Majesty for supply of his army, wherein is laden for the most part cloth. One ship is the Fortune, Nicholas Brant master, the other the St. Joan [St. John], John Frank master. By your good respects to them you will give me a very good opportunity to increase his Majesty's good opinion of your Lordship. P.S.—Let me entreat your answer by the packet boat concerning these two ships, which are laden with free goods, and are only sent for necessary provisions for his Majesty. [*Endorsed:* "Will. Sandys to Van Trump, Admiral of the States General at sea." 2 *pp.*]

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May 13. Oxford. 123. Sir E. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of his Majesty's army. I have acquainted his Majesty with yours of the 12th and the news in it, and am to let you understand that we hear the Earl of Essex will not be able to march these eight days. Mr. Ashbournham tells me he sent yesterday 200*l.* for payment for slighting the works at Reading, which is the sum that was agreed upon at Abingdon for that service. I sent Lord Percy an extract of so much of your letter as concerns the train of artillery, whose negligence in services of so great consequence his Majesty wished me to tell you that you shall do well to punish. His Majesty wishes you to send to the towns and country about Reading to bring in all their spades, pickaxes, &c., for the workmen to slight the works there, and that all possible diligence be used in it. There is warrant sent to the Commissary of the Victuals forthwith to take up out of the country provisions of bread for the army, to be allowed out of the arrears of the contribution, which is the only expedient that can be used for the present. Lord Wentworth promised to bring this letter to you. Sir Jacob Astley was not to have the order for slighting the works at Reading sooner than yesterday, by that time the army should arrive there. His Majesty desires to hear from time to time how the slighting of the works at Reading proceeds. [*Seal with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

May 13. 124. Notes of examinations of witnesses [before the Committee for the examination of Sir Edw. Hartopp's business] concerning the petition of George Palmer and other officers [*see above, May* 10, *No.* 117], and their connection with the doings of the Earl of Stamford, Lord Grey, and others of Leicester. [2¼ *pp.*]

May 14. Tamworth. 125. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee for Safety of both kingdoms. Among the impediments that detained me at Coventry were a mistake of orders, which interrupted the bringing in of horses for my train of artillery; but what chiefly retarded my march was a great mutiny in Sir Thomas Middleton's horse and foot. All is now well composed, and I find them both forward and affectionate to the service. The Staffordshire horse and foot are joined with me. These with mine will not enable me to keep the field in case the enemy attempt to intercept my passage, which I understand from several parts they design, as will appear by the enclosed relation from Wem. I have taken up some money upon public faith of divers whom I caused to be brought in out of Worcestershire, where I have placed officers to collect contributions towards the maintenance of my forces, wherein I hope you will take care I be no way prejudiced for want of the power conferred on others in the like kind. If at any time out of my zeal to the public service I exceed my limits, [I trust] you will make a favourable construction [of it] and procure me some indemnity, which an ordinance in Mr. Sergeant Wilde's hands would much secure if it could pass both Houses. Otherwise the whole revenues of Warwickshire by weekly assessments, sequestrations, and money raised upon the propositions being wholly disposed of by the Committee of Coventry, whereof the soldiers raised by me receive no benefit, I

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shall not know how to proceed in this service, and yet all I have gained has not fully discharged the expense of saddles for my troops, besides distributing an inconsiderable proportion of money amongst them. This want of pay for my soldiers, the many hindrances I have met with, which I formerly represented to your Lordships, and the small strength I have in respect of the enemy's greater forces, are all of as great discouragement unto me as of undeniable proof of imminent dangers I am to encounter in this expedition; yet rather than a country committed to my charge shall suffer through my neglect, and in obedience to your commands, I am resolved to try my fortune and leave the success to God; and as the only means for the safety of these parts you will be pleased to give a speedy answer to those letters which the Committee and deputy-lieutenants of Lancashire have lately sent you to excuse their march out of their own county. Their resolutions by their enclosed to me do not appear very favourable to this design. If this supply fail, I shall then leave to your consideration the rock I am fallen upon. But whilst I am a sufferer for the puplic service, and am willing to expose myself to all hazards for the advancement thereof, I thought my honour would have remained secure in your hands and not be made subject to the insolencies of such a person as Commissary [General] Behr, who I hear hath lately vented defamatory libels and false declarations in vindication of himself to the prejudice of my reputation. Relates Behr's unworthy carriage towards him, attested by the enclosed relations of Mr. Grey, Governor of Leicester, and Mr. Haselrigg, one of the Committee there. This I would not have troubled you with, but that I find part of it in print, which I wonder at the more in regard the business was referred to your Lordships' examination and by you put off till the time of present action should be over. But I hold my honour above his malice, and can no way suffer when I have such just judges to appeal to. This morning I am upon my march towards Stafford. [4½ *pp.*]

May 14. 126. Commission of Robert Earl of Essex, Captain General of the Parliament's army, appointing Lionel Copley Colonel of a regiment of horse, consisting of eight troops of eighty apiece to be raised in Yorkshire and Lancashire. [*Signed and sealed. Parchment.*]

May 15. Oxford. 127. Sir E. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's forces. I have performed what you left in charge with me concerning yourself. I hear from the north that many of the Scots' forces are quartered in the Isle of Axholme, near Doncaster. Lincoln is for certain lost. We have no news from Lyme Regis, but that Prince Maurice endeavours to take it by approaches, and hopes to be master of it this week. I hear from London that Sir Wm. Waller cannot yet get the 5,000*l.* he long since pressed for towards payment of his men. The Earl of Essex is still in London, and it is conceived will not stir thence these 8 days. They are there in some distraction and in very great want of money, which is not there to be found to supply them for the present. I have given directions to Mr. Pinkney and warrant to provide victuals

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in the country for the army; he saith he hath lately sent some thither and will do what he can. Colonel Carew is returned from Evesham, and I hope come to the army by this time. [*Seal with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

May 15. Oxford. 128. The same to the same. You will herein receive his Majesty's letter which will tell you his pleasure. The enclosed paper is an advertisement I even now received from Aylesbury; you may be confident of the truth of it, for I have it from a very good hand. We hear nothing from London but that there are there great divisions and want of money; they press many, but these run away as soon as they get any opportunity. [1 *p.*]

May 15. 129. [The Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army] to Sir E. Nicholas. We are slighting the works here [at Reading] with all speed that may be according to the materials we have, and by Thursday night we shall make them unserviceable for the enemy if he should settle himself here; but in regard our provision is so scant here that we can stay no longer, we intend on Friday morning, God willing, to march towards Lambourn; when we have marched we shall advertise his Majesty where we are to be found. We have sent to Donnington Castle 10 barrels of powder, with match and bullet proportionable, four pieces of cannon with cannoneers, and a warrant to the Governor to provide all sorts of victuals for four months. We have sent this morning Colonel Hawkins, a very able soldier, with his regiment to keep Greenland House [near Henley], and have sent thither sufficient ammunition and all the bread that came from Oxford; we have also given the Governor, Colonel Hawkins, warrant to bring in victuals and contribution out of Buckinghamshire for maintaining and paying the garrison, and have withdrawn from thence Sir Charles Blunt, his deputy, and the commanded men under him, leaving in the place victuals, cannon, and ammunition for its better defence, except such arms as the soldiers are to march with. We have sent to Wallingford 20 barrels of powder with match and ball, and two iron pieces, the rest of the magazine that was here we have sent to Oxford. Our intelligence is that Waller is still at London, and that his army entrenches strongly at Farnham. Essex is also at London. [Sergeant-Major] Skippon mustered the other day Essex's whole army, which did not exceed 6,000 horse and foot as we are informed. [*Draft.* 1 *p.*]

May 16. 130. Commission of Robert Earl of Essex, Captain General of the Parliament's army, appointing Colonel Wm. Jephson Lieutenant-Governor of Portsmouth, and Colonel of the several foot companies forming the garrison of Portsmouth and the forts there. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

May 16. Oxford. 131. Sir E. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army. His Majesty desires you presently to send a trumpeter to the Earl of Essex with the two letters enclosed from the Marquis of Hertford and the Earl of Berkshire, with direction that he bring back answers to the same with all diligence. I am likewise to desire you to write effectually to the Earl of Essex for speedy re-

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dress of the particular grievances in this enclosed petition expressed, and to declare that else the like measure must be expected by the prisoners in his Majesty's quarters. [1 *p.*]

May 16. Manchester. 132. [The Committee of Lancashire] to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have received letters from the Committee of [Safety for] both kingdoms of the 6th, and from you of the 11th inst., and by reason our dangers are no whit abated, but increased, we must be forced—unless we will give up all—to return you the like answer as formerly. The siege at Lathom House—having a desperate and too well provided enemy within—continues not to be broken up unless we resolve to begin the whole work anew. The Earl of Derby in Worrall [Wirral], and that part of Cheshire, all along the river [Dee] over against us, is very potent, makes inroads upon us, and keeps us in continual alarms; besides [we have to contend against] the secret plots within ourselves striking at our chief garrisons; and as reports give us, the enemy's rising in Westmoreland is fully resolved for Lancashire. All the horse and foot commanded to the siege at York are there still retained; so that unless we resolve to break up the siege at Lathom or relinquish the frontiers of our county bordering upon the enemy—either of which would hazard the whole country—we are in nowise able to obey this command to assist you. If it might stand with your designs to march into Cheshire we might be in a fitter posture to join with you. P.S.—We fear we have armed divers amongst us who are enlisted in several companies whom, if we should remove our old tried soldiers out of the county, we durst not trust either in our garrisons, siege, or confines, especially if the Earl of Derby should appear amongst us. [*Seal with device.* 1 *p.*]

May 17. 133. Petition of Giles Theyer to the Committees for the Parliament. That he being possessor of a team in Beckenham was obliged to disburse 5*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* to redeem his team of horses, they being seized for non-payment of the 10*d.* tax levied on that parish; the deficiency was caused by inability to collect the sum assessed on Dr. Skynner, late rector of that parish, who was then under sequestration. Order having been passed by the Committee that money disbursed for taxes unpaid of lands in sequestration shall be allowed out of the rents from the tenants, or upon account by the Treasurer of Sequestrations. Petitioner being a poor man prays that order may be taken for repayment to him of the said sum, which he connot afford to lose. *Underwritten,*

133. I. *Ordered that Daniel Shetterden shall repay the money advanced by Giles Theyer. Dorso,*

133. II. *Receipt by Giles Theyer for* 5*l.* 3*s.* 4*d. received of Daniel Shetterden.* 18*th May* 1644.

133. III. *Ordered, that as the above-named sum was omitted to be allowed to Mr. Shetterden upon the passing of his former sequestration accounts, the same be allowed to him out of such sequestration money as is now in his hands.* 7*th March* 1648[–9]. [1¼ *p.*]

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May 18. 134. Order of [the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports]. Whereas during my residence at Walmer Castle I have observed much prejudice accrue to the State by the not settling the place of Serjeant of the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports, which may be prevented by the present entrusting some able person to execute the said place until myself or those whom it doth further concern shall therein give further order; and whereas I have observed the diligence of F. S., lieutenant of Archcliff Bulwark, who hath already performed some services referring to the place: I therefore appoint, so far as in me lies, the said F. S. to execute the said place, for the preserving of all anchors, wrecks, and goods belonging to the State provisionally, until he shall receive other order; and that he enjoy such fees and profits as properly belong to the said place. And the said F. S. is to appoint such persons to assist him as shall be qualified by honesty and sufficiency for such a trust. [*Draft.* ¾ *p.*]

May 19. Warrington. 135. [The Committee of Lancashire] to Basil Earl of Denbigh. After the receipt of the command from the Committee of both kingdoms for Colonel Holland and Colonel Booth's regiments to march to meet you at your rendezvous, we, taking a just survey of the forces of our county and the necessity we had to employ them, not only certified you of the state of this county and the apparent danger we were in, but also commended the same by letter to the Committee of both kingdoms, who, we conceive, rest satisfied. Since then we are in a weaker condition in regard Colonel Dodding's regiment is commanded into Westmoreland by Lord Fairfax to join the Scots. By reason of the siege at Lathom yet continuing, the enemy's lying in Wirrall, and the daily threats of his advance towards us from Chester to raise that siege and invade the whole county, we cannot conceive it safe for us to draw any force from hence, having no other strength but these two broken regiments for our safety; most of these, too, are engaged in the siege of Lathom and in keeping the fords upon the borders of this county. If these forces be drawn out the enemy may very easily enter and spoil the county without resistance, which we conceive is the only opportunity they wait for. Therefore we desire you to excuse the not marching of these forces. [*Seal with crest, broken.* 1 *p.*]

May 20. 136. Sir Richard Onslow and Sir John Dingley at the Committee for Safety of the county of Surrey, at the Crane in Kingston, to the High Constables of the hundred of Elmbridge. These are to command you to send your warrants to the petty constables of every parish within your hundred to warn all the forces of horse and foot there, who have listed themselves for defence of this county, to appear with their arms and other things complete at Kingston on Friday next by 8 a.m., upon pain of forfeiting 10*s.* for every horse and 5*s.* for every foot arms as shall make default. It is also enjoined that all such as have not listed their horse and arms according to their ability do then appear to do it, and send them in at the day and place aforesaid. You are to make return of all

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defaulters and of all men able to find horse and arms, and of all men able to serve. If any are not provided with arms they may be provided at Kingston upon reasonable prices. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 20. 137. Printed form filled in for John Knowe of Down. Whereas 200,000*l.* is to be paid to our brethren of Scotland for their assistance in this war, for raising of which sum course is taken by ordinance of Parliament, and such as will not lend will be forced thereto; we are informed that you are able to lend 10*l.* towards this service, and desire to let you know that those who shall willingly lend are first to be repaid the principal and interest at the rate of 8*l.* per centum per annum. You are to pay this 10*l.* within 8 days to Nicholas Buckeridge, whose acquittance will be sufficient guarantee for your repayment. [*Damaged.* 1 *p.*]

May 21. Oxford. 138. Writ of summons to Jenkins John Thomas Griffith and Alice his wife, commanding them to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer at Oxford in Trinity term next to answer articles objected against them, under penalty of 100*l.* for non-appearance. [*Endorsed:* "Ad sectam Katherinæ Rosser, spinster, per billam Anglicanam." *Latin; parchment strip.*]

May 21. Oxford. 139. Sir E. Nicholas to the Earl of Forth, Lord General of the King's army. The King, upon consideration of your Excellency's and Lord Hopton's letters, holds it requisite for him to give your Lordship and the rest of the Lords a meeting once more, and to this end resolves to-morrow morning to be at Abingdon by 8 o'clock, where he desires your Lordship, Lord Hopton, Lord Wilmot, Lord Percy, Sir Jacob Astley, and the rest of the principal officers to attend him; you are in the meantime to cause the army to forbear to march till, upon further advice with your Lordships, his Majesty shall give further order, if without inconvenience to the horse and foot they may remain where they are. Give notice of this to Lord Wilmot, and desire him to set forth fitting parties for security of his Majesty's passage and meeting at Abingdon. Be pleased also to advertise the rest of the Lords and others to attend his Majesty at the time and place aforesaid. I shall to-morrow acquaint you with his Majesty' answer concerning the other business you wrote to me of. P.S.—We hear nothing at all of the rebels' motions but what we have from your Excellency. [*Seal, with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

May 22. An Ordinance for the appointing a Committee of both Houses to join with the Committee and Commissioners of Scotland for the better managing of the affairs of both nations in the common cause according to the ends expressed in the last covenant and treaty between the two nations of England and Scotland. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii., p.* 504. *See Interregnum, vol.* 6 *E., pp.* 1–3. *Copy.* 2$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

May 23. Lansear. 140. Thos. Morgan to his cousin William Morgan, at his chamber in Oxford. Desires him to sue out a dedimus potestatem directed to Sir Trevor Williams, Sir Philip Jones, Sir George Probert, and Edmond Morgan, to swear the writer justice of the peace. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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May 23. Derby House. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Wallop, and Barclay. This day divers letters were read, but nothing put to the vote. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 71.]

May 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the orders formerly agreed on for regulating the proceedings of this Committee shall still be in force and use. 2. That the same officers, messengers, and servants, and the same ways of intelligence that were formerly settled shall continue, and with the same salaries. 3. That a sub-committee be appointed to draft letters to be sent to all the armies and committees abroad, and they to be presently sent. 4. That in the letter to Lord Fairfax a clause be added for a pass to M. Bosivon [De Boysinon] to come to London, he having been the French King's agent in Scotland. 5. That the Clerk of the Lords' House do send to this Committee a copy of the Ordinance by which the Committee now sits. 6. That the rest of this Committee who do not now go to Goldsmiths' Hall will prepare business against to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 71.]

May 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Robert Earl of Essex]. The Committee meet at Derby House as formerly, and desire they may from time to time hear from you as to the condition of your army, and such other intelligence as may concern the carrying on of the war. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Rowland Fawkeard on the 25th, between 10 and 11 a.m. *Underwritten,*

Another copy was sent to Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 90. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

May 24. Derby House. The like to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, with a clause to desire his Lordship to give M. Bovison [De Boysinon] a pass. *Underwritten,*

Sent by Mr. Jennings, who carried letters to the Earl of Manchester. [*Ibid. Minute.* $\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

May 25. Exeter. 141. Thomas Windebank to his cousin Robert Read, at Oxford. I hear Mr. Fanshaw is sworn Secretary to the Prince of Wales, if that be so you know who has not been fairly dealt with, if otherwise I should be glad to know it, that some order might be taken in it. I am also told my brother Francis has quitted the regiment, but I hope he has rather done it for better employment than out of civility to expose himself to starving with his best friends. Richard Phillips wrote to me that he had returned 200*l.* to you to Oxford from Bristol, hoping you might find better means to return it from thence hither than he could from Bristol. P.S.—I pray

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May 25. 141A. Notes by Sir John Lambe of a brief against certain persons, including Lord Grey, at Leicester, for depredations and losses sustained by Lambe, between 17 Dec. 1642 and the date of this paper, within the county of Warwick and diocese of Worcester. *Underwritten,*

41A. 1. *Weekly tax in England and Wales* 33,981*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.*, *inde Northampton* 425*l.*, *Leicester* 187*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, *Oxford* 650*l.* *Order against plundering,* 22 *Nov.* 1642. [3 *pp.*]

May 25. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Brown, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Long do go from this Committee to the Committee of Militia, to desire them to despatch Col. Harvey's regiment of horse to the Lord General, in regard the armies are so near engagement with the enemy and may want those forces. There being more want of the arms and money they are to convoy thither, the militia are therefore prayed to remove all obstacles to their present march. 2. To advertise the Earl of Manchester of the great damage done to cos. Leicester, Stafford and those parts, by the Earl of Newcastle's horse, which, coming from York, have raised 1,000 horse and 10,000*l.* That this Committee is unwilling to prejudice the service in the north, but if, upon consultation with the Scottish army, a considerable force may be spared from Manchester's army, that then these be sent at once against those forces, and to acquaint this Committee with his proceedings. 3. That Lord Say and Mr. Pierpoint be desired to acquaint the Assembly of Divines with the desire of this Committee that they would take care to appoint some of their number to attend this Committee daily, to pray at the sitting down of this Committee at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. 4. To write to the Committee at Northampton to send to Rockingham so many of their horse as can be spared. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. To inform the Lord General that Col. Marten's regiment at Aylesbury is in so great want of pay that they are like to disband, which regiment being within the establishment of his Excellency's army, they thought fit to represent this to him, and that the town of Aylesbury, in the absence of their Governor, is in great disorder. 6. That it be delivered to the gentlemen of Herts now attending without, that this Committee conceives their county can be in no hazard, in regard the Lord General's army and that of Sir Wm. Waller are between them and the enemy; and that they are to continue the regiment belonging to their county for some longer time, concerning the disposal of which they will be informed by this Committee. 7. That Sir Arthur Haselrigg go to the Committee of the Militia

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to acquaint them with the desires of this Committee that, if Col. Harvey's regiment be near 400 strong, that they appoint Col. Washbourne's troop to go along with Sir Arthur Haselrigg to Sir W. Waller. 8. That Mr. Browne do report to the House [of Commons] that the difference between the Committee of Leicester and the soldiers there having been referred to a Committee of that House, it be still left to their consideration. 9. That the petition of George Blaydes be sent to the Committee for Examinations, and that they be desired to accept of sufficient bail for him if they shall find no reason to the contrary. 10. That Mr. Weire, lately come from Oxford, be sent to the Committee of Examinations, to be by them disposed of as they shall see cause. 11. That Captain Edward Higgons be required to be at this Committee upon Thursday next at 3 p.m. 12. To write to Colonel Stapley to take care of the troop of Capt. Higgons in his absence, which is hereby ordered to obey his orders, and that Stapley take the troop into Chichester for more security if he so shall think fit. 13. To acquaint the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army that this Committee is now sitting, and desire to open a correspondence. 14. That Mr. Browne do report to the House from this Committee, that they desire the same allowance, viz., 300*l.* a week as formerly, for defraying the charges of intelligence and other necessaries. 15. That Robert Hanbury and Daniel Potter be admitted for messengers to attend this Committee. 16. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Solicitor [St. John], that the behaviour of the States' [of the United Provinces'] Ambassadors here may be certified to the States. 17. To inform the Lord Admiral [Warwick] that there are 10,000*l.* worth of dollars at Rotterdam to be brought into the Downs and thence sent to Carrickfergus. They desire him to send one or two ships to bring the same into the Downs where it shall be further ordered. Also to acquaint his Lordship that this Committee doth sit as formerly. 18. Four warrants being sent from the Committee for Irish Affairs at Grocers' Hall to this Committee to be signed and sent to several persons, it was ordered that those warrants should be entered in the form of orders and copies sent to the several persons to whom they were directed, which are as follow. 19. Ordered, that Alderman Fowke do deliver to the Committee of Citizens Adventurers in London for lands in Ireland, sitting at Grocers' Hall, or to whom else they shall employ, all those 34 pieces of cottons comprising 2,042 yds., 5 pieces of "tregors," 16 pair of Russian leather boots, and 16 pair of shoes remaining in his hands, formerly provided for the service of Ireland; the same to be disposed of by the said Committee of Citizens for the present relief of that kingdom according to such order and directions as they have and shall further receive from this Committee, any former order or restraint of any other Committee to the contrary notwithstanding. 20. That Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe do deliver unto the Committee of Citizens Adventurers for lands in Ireland 800 corselets now remaining in your [his] hands, with all other arms and ammunition formerly provided for Ireland, the same to be disposed

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of for relief of that kingdom, as above directed. 21. That William Dobbins do deliver as above said the 10,000 lbs. weight of biscuit with those clothes and goods in his possession for the service of Ireland, the same to be disposed of as above. 22. That Stephen Estwick, merchant, do deliver as above-said all such shirts, shoes, knapsacks, clothes, and other goods as he has received out of the Irish stores, and were formerly provided for the service in Ireland, valued on delivery to him at 769*l.* 1*s.* 0*d.*, besides other soldiers' kit. We are also informed that Dr. Cornelius Burgess received out of the Irish stores 20 great saddles, bridles and bits, 50 carabines furnished, and 50 case of pistols valued at 275*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.*, which were borrowed for Watford troops, and satisfied for by order of the Committee of Safety, all which Dr. Burgess is hereby required to satisfy for or deliver to the Committee of Citizens to be disposed of by them as above. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 72–75.]

May 25. Derby House. Note, that similar letters to that sent to the Lord General [Earl of Essex, dated the 24th] were this day written to the Committee at Leicester, to Col. Hutchinson at Nottingham, to Sir John Gell at Derby, and to the Committees in Lancashire and at Manchester, and were sent by Mr. Marsh. Also the like to the Lord Admiral sent by Mr. Potter. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 91 = ⅓ *p.*]

May 25. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord Admiral. There are about 10,000*l.* worth of dollars to be brought from Rotterdam into the Downs to be sent from thence to Carrickfergus in Ireland. We therefore desire you to send a ship or two according to the desire of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall, that may safely fetch the said money, which coming to the Downs shall be there ordered aboard such ships as are to carry it with other monies and provisions for Carrickfergus. Signed by Algernon Earl of Northumberland and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Potter, 10 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 91. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

May 25. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [the Earl of Essex]. Being informed by Mr. Fountaine, one of the members of the House of Commons, that the regiment of Col. Marten is quartered in Aylesbury, and are already in such great want of pay that they are like to disband and that town thereby to be in danger, we thought fit to represent the state hereof to you in regard by the establishment voted in the House of Commons we understand Col. Marten is provided for out of the pay of your army. We are likewise informed that the soldiers in the town of Aylesbury in the absence of their Governor, there being none in the meantime to exercise martial law, are subject to great disorders. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hanbury at 10 p.m.. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 91, 92. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 25. Derby House. The same to the same. By reason of some difference about the discharge of the quarters of Col. Harvey's regiment, it cannot be ready to march this night as we expected. The Militia have not present money, and the poor people will not part with the horses without it, but the Militia have promised to do their uttermost to

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despatch them. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 92. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 25. Derby House. The same to Colonel Stapley. We have sent for Capt. Higgons to attend this Committee on Thursday next, and we desire you will take care of the troop of horse under his command during his absence, and the officers of the said troop are required hereby to receive orders from you and to be obedient to you until we shall give further order herein. You may acquaint the officers with this order when he has come away, and for the more security of them command them into the town of Chichester if you think fit. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 92, 93. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 25. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have certain intelligence of the great damage done to the counties of Leicester, Stafford, and those parts by Lord Newcastle's horse that have come from York, and how they have recruited themselves to a very great strength, raised at least 1,000 horse and 10,000*l.*, and are now about 3,000 horse and dragoons near Uttoxeter in Staffordshire, which we hear with 1,000 horse might have been wholly prevented. They still increase their force, raise much money, and ruin those that depend on protection from the Parliament. We know for the present no way to prevent these great and growing mischiefs but by your forces, and yet we would not prejudice the service in the north, but we desire you if, on consulting with the Scotch army, a considerable force of horse and dragoons of yours may be spared to effect this design that they may be speedily employed thereon. We entreat you to keep good intelligence of the proceedings of these forces and of the march of Prince Rupert's army, which we hear is now making spoil in Cheshire, and that we may speedily hear from you how you on the said consultation do conceive your forces may be best employed in the service of the Commonwealth. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Jennings, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p,* 93. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

May 26. Exeter. 142. Sir Francis Windebank to Robert Read. Chiefly in cipher. Thanks him for his pains in his businesses. There is a speech of the coming of the Prince of Wales into these western parts, and that some of the Lords of the Council are to assist him here in his affairs. The bill of exchange you sent me is accepted by the party to whom it is directed and he promises if there be so much in the mint here it shall be well paid, and howsoever he will see it satisfied. Has received 20*l.* of the party recommended by Bradbourne, and has given a bill for so much to be paid at Bristol. Remembrances to his family. [2 *pp.*]

[May 27?] 143. Articles preferred by Major Anthony Weldon, with marginal notes giving the names of the several witnesses on every several article, against Sir Mikil Luesy [Michael Lucy?]. This paper is headed "The particular heads of the letter wrote to Sir Mikil "Luesy," and was probably submitted to the Committee of the Commons to which the business concerning Major Weldon was

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referred. [*See Commons Journal iii*, 259, 508.] First the General sending him with his whole regiment on a small piece of service, on a mistake by two of our scouts firing, he came creeping down to my division and commanded me to lead on his conceiving by this false alarum the enemy to be near, which when he found contrary he came up to the head of his regiment made alter[cation] and would not permit us to fall on, although I there told him we could not retreat without much dishonour, in this stand our guide being not to be found I undertook to lead the forlorn hope, which after he consented to, I advancing, he drew back the whole regiment without giving me, any notice thereof, so that I was wholly left to the mercy of the enemy, and by his miscarriage in this action our regiment was dishonoured and laughed at. That he sent a letter to the deputy-lieutenants or caused one to be sent concerning the putting me and my troop under Sir Richard Greenfield [Grenville]. I desire the letter may be produced. The deputy-lieutenants themselves resented it as a great injury and affront to me as their answer manifests, which I have to produce. For his running away at Cheriton-Down battle [29 March 1643–44] witness Major Wood, Adjutant-General Flemming, one of Sir Wm. Waller's followers, and the surgeon of his regiment, Capt. Fincher and Col. Cooke; who are witnesses to the particular circumstances. Signed, Anthony Weldon. [$2\frac{1}{3}$ *pp.*]

May 27. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpoint, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Lord Say and Mr. Recorder be desired to go to the Militia to endeavour the despatching away of Colonel Harvey to the Lord General with money and arms. 2. That Lord Denbigh's letter of May 14 for arms and money be reported to the House [of Commons]. 3. To write to Lord Fairfax giving an account of the general state of Lancashire. 3. That the consideration of all the forces of the north and how to employ them be taken up in the afternoon. 5. To add to the letter to the Commissioners of both kingdoms to take care of the northern counties for the better encouragement of those that have appeared for the Parliament. Afternoon.—Ordered, 6. To write to the Earl of Denbigh to embody all his forces and attend the movements of Prince Rupert, and meanwhile to keep up good intelligence with the Earl of Manchester that if occasion offer he may join with him. 7. To inform the Committee of Lancashire that we have received their letters, and to desire them to join the forces formerly appointed to the Earl of Denbigh's as being most conducive to the safety of that country. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 75, 76.]

May 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee resident in the Scottish army. The Committee desire to give you speedy notice that they still sit at Derby House, knowing how necessary it is for the carrying on of the war that a mutual correspondence and frequent intercourse be maintained betwixt them and you,

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which they hope may be held easily and certainly, Lincolnshire being under the power of the Parliament and the ways safe between that part and London. We desire that you will take into your care the safety and preservation of the northern counties for the better encouragement of those that have there appeared for the Parliament. The Lord General [Essex] and Sir Wm. Waller are both in the field and joined yesterday. They are about Wantage near the enemy, who retires from them towards Oxford. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Freer. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 94. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 27. Derby House. The same to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. The Committee now meet again as formerly at Derby House, and desire frequently to understand the state of your affairs, as they will be careful to advertise you from hence. They have received some late information concerning Lancashire, where affairs are in some uncertainty and many suspicions that correspondence may be held between some in the Parliament's service there and Prince Rupert's forces, which may tend to a great disturbance of that county and be of ill consequence to the northern parts. They recommend the prevention of these dangers to your care, and desire you to command Col. Holland or any other suspected person to attend you and give satisfaction or otherwise to dispose of them, and do such other things for the safety of the county as you shall think necessary. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 28. Manchester. 144. Sir John Meldrum to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, Lord General of the North. Upon better grounds of Prince Rupert's march I have thought fit to acquaint you that after his army marched out of their quarters a great body of horse came from Derbyshire and followed him towards Lathom House; whence whether he will attempt Liverpool or strengthen his army in Lancashire, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, and then march up to York is much doubted in this country. The greater part think that, he having a great party by the Earl of Derby's presence who begin to flock to him with their arms, and the forces of the county who stand right being separated and hardly being brought together without manifest hazards, it is impossible to save this county, Cumberland, and Westmoreland without one great army being sent here to interrupt his course or follow at his heels if he march towards York or Scotland, and another army to oppose his passage towards either of those places; which if it be not quickly done, in my judgment, those northern counties of Cheshire, Lancashire, Westmoreland, Cumberland, and Yorkshire will afford such supplies of a Popish and malignant party that all will be put to hazard. This country people have had so many distractions amongst themselves that unless Colonel Ashton and myself had come to the town any enemy might have had them all at a very easy rate. The country people are extremely well affected, but unwilling to be brought to any order or discipline, there being no officer or commander amongst them of any experience; there would be a body of 3,000 men here, which will eat up all the victuals in one week,

1644. and if the enemy stay in the country all the passages will be so blocked up we shall rather be famished than able to follow them any distance in safety, the two regiments I brought down being yet 8 miles short of Manchester, without whom I dare not hazard anything further than to keep part of the country unplundered, which will be a dangerous task if he fall back upon us. Some of the Committee had ordered Colonel Rigby to withdraw his forces from Lathom House the day before I came: I fear both his forces and Colonel Moore's at Liverpool can hardly be drawn off, in regard the country thereabout who formerly lurked as neuters do now show themselves in arms for the Earl of Derby, and the Cheshire men complain heavily that they are neglected by their neighbours here. In my judgment the remedy is either that Sir Thomas Fairfax or Major-General [David] Leslie may join with such forces as Lord Grey, Derby, and Nottingham may yield, and march to Stafford where the Earl of Denbigh is, and thence to Manchester, where forming one army we may follow him, with such foot as Cheshire and Lancashire can afford, and some foot from the Scottish army, which may be sent without difficulty, the passage as yet being open; and that on the west side of York the Earl of Manchester with his whole forces and such proportion of the Scottish horse and foot as may safely be spared may march so far to the west or north-west of York that they shall be able to oppose his passage either to Scotland or to York. If this course or such other as may be resolved on by [Alexander Leslie] Earl of Leven, your Lordship [Fairfax], and the Earl of Manchester be followed, my hopes are great that this fierce thunderbolt which strikes terror among the ignorant may be easily reduced within narrow compass. If the present opportunity be neglected it will be too late to think upon anything else but the routing of either or both of these two armies, the one with Prince Rupert, the other in Derbyshire with Ludborough [Henry Lord Hastings of Loughborough], [Colonel] Goring, [Sir Charles] Lucas, and [Sir Marmaduke] Langdale: neither can I learn whether these last forces [that] came from Derbyshire to Prince Rupert be of those of Derbyshire under the charge of Fretsall, my Lord, and [William Crichton Viscount of] Ayr, or the other great body that were driven from the north. It is more probable that that body of horse which came from the north is still in Derbyshire, and not being in good case either for horse or arms, may be fallen upon in the way by that body that should follow Prince Rupert if God should bless them with a spirit of conjunction and resolution to march up and join together; my prayers and endeavours shall not be awanting in any such course as shall be resolved on by your joint deliberations which I intreat may be sent to me with all convenient haste, [and] that this letter may be sent to my Lord General Leslie. [3⅓ *pp.*]

May 28. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Say, both the Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpoint, Crew, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Earl

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of Manchester, enclosing a copy of the Lord General's [letter], and to desire if Prince Rupert comes this way then, upon consultation with the Scottish army, to follow in his rear. 2. To inform the Lord General that we have written to the Earl of Manchester to apply himself to Prince Rupert's movements and to give his Excellency intelligence. To approve his resolution to pursue the enemy. That money is coming to him by the convoy of Col. Harvey, and to give account of the success in Yorkshire. 3. That Sir Thos. Barrington, Sir Nathaniel Barnardiston, and 5 others named, be desired to be here at 3 p.m. 4. That the Committee shall constantly meet every day at 3 o'clock without fail, and none to be absent unless he signify at the previous sitting the cause of his absence. 5. To inform Sir Wm. Waller that we have written to the Earl of Manchester to attend [the movements of] Prince Rupert. Also to convey to him the news of Cawood, &c. 6. To inform Col. Massie of the state of affairs here and at York, as also in the Lord General's army. Afternoon.—Ordered, 7. That John Craven be admitted a messenger to attend this Committee. 8. That the business referred to this Committee by the Commons touching the making of some intimation to the States [of the United Provinces] of the proceedings of their ambassadors be taken into consideration on Thursday in the afternoon, when Mr. Weckherlin to be present to receive directions for drafting a letter to that purpose. 9. That the Committee of the Revenue be desired to pay into the hands of Mr. Frost 300*l.*, for defraying the charges for intelligence and other necessaries, according to the order of the House [of Commons] for 300*l.* a week. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 76, 77.]

May 28. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex]. Upon receipt of your letter we immediately despatched an express to the Earl of Manchester to acquaint him with the present posture of our affairs upon the advance of your Lordship's forces near the enemy, and of the distracted condition thereby of the King's forces. We have desired him, as he finds Prince Rupert and his forces, to apply themselves either northward or in the assistance of the King's army, which was about Oxford; that he, with his army, do direct his designs accordingly, and to give this Committee and you frequent advertisements of his proceedings. This Committee do very well approve of your resolution to pursue the enemy retiring as they do, it being that which is likely to be the most effectual means of putting a speedy issue to these unhappy troubles. We are glad to hear that the provisions for your army are come to you. The money with the convoy of Col. Harvey's regiment went yesterday from this town, so that we hope you will be in very good condition to continue the pursuit of the enemy. For the pay of the Reformadoes the Committee have appointed it to be reported to the House of Commons, who, they doubt not, will take care of them to your satisfaction. By letters from Hull we understand that Cawood Castle, Aire-mouth, and two or three other forts are [sur]rendered to the Parliament. We shall not be wanting to give you daily advertisement of what we hear as we desire it from you.

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The like we have written to the Earl of Denbigh, who was at Stafford on the 23rd inst. with 3,000 horse and foot. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Crispe, 6 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 95, 96. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

May 28. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received your letter, and are glad to hear that the enemy has quitted Abbington [Abingdon]; their distraction and flight is like to lessen their army, and give great advantage in the pursuit. We have written to the Earls of Denbigh and Manchester to attend Prince Rupert's motions, who we hope will be able either to keep him from the southern parts, or, if he should come this way, to follow him so close as that he shall get little by his journey. Good success in Yorkshire; Cawood, a strong castle near York, is yielded, and 140 prisoners taken, most of whom have taken the covenant and bear arms for the Parliament. A fort at Aire-mouth, which commands a considerable pass upon the West Riding, is also taken. Lord Fairfax is raising more forces. Col. Harvey, who could not remove till those who entertained his troops had some satisfaction, by the special endeavour of this Committee went forward yesterday, so that we doubt not but you will speedily have those horses which belong to you in exchange for his. We wish you happy success. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 96, 97. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 28. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have sent you an abstract of the news come to us from the Lord General. We desire you to get all your forces into a body, and to attend Prince Rupert's motions, as we have also written to the Earl of Manchester to do; and that you will be ready to join the Lord General's or the Earl of Manchester's armies, or to help the counties of your Association, Chester, or Lancaster, as shall be necessary. Your desires for arms and supplies of money are reported to the House of Commons, who have appointed a particular Committee to have an especial care thereof. We desire you to hold good intelligence with the Lord General's and the Earl of Manchester's armies, and to give us frequent advertisements of all occurrences. For some other particulars in your letters of the 14th and 23rd inst. we conceive they require not so speedy a despatch; we shall so soon as conveniently we can take them into consideration. Signed as above, and sent by Capt. Phipps, 5 p.m. *Underwritten,*

Mem.—That by the same messenger were sent letters to Northampton, Warwick, Stafford, Earl of Denbigh, and the Committee at Coventry, all to the same effect as the letter sent to the Lord General 24 *May* [*see p.* 167], *signifying the continued meeting of this Committee at Derby House, and desiring intelligence of the progress of the campaign.* [*Ibid., pp.* 97, 98. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

May 28. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have herein sent you an abstract of the intelligence received from the Lord General, which we desire you speedily to impart to the Scotch army. If the King's army join with Prince Rupert's, as is very probable,

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that body will require great force to oppose it; and although the Lord General with a good army follow, yet, to manage the business to the best advantage of the public, we conceive it may be very fit for your forces and others in the north to march towards the King's and Prince Rupert's armies. We desire you to give speedy notice hereof to the Scotch army. You are to hold good intelligence with the Lord General's and the Earl of Denbigh's armies, and to supply us with speedy and frequent advertisements of your motions and all occurrences. Signed as above, and sent by John Craven, 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 98. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 28. 145. A relation of all passages at the taking of Rushall Hall by Basil Earl of Denbigh. The 24th of May I received news from Wem and Nantwich that Prince Rupert's forces and the Marquis of Newcastle's were not far from their appointed rendezvous, where they went to unite, and that they were 7,000 in all, some reported more, but the relation from their own soldiers that left them the day before, and came voluntarily to us, confirmed the report of Wem and Nantwich. Upon the same day the Mayor and divers other honest men of Newcastle came and informed me that some of the enemy's men were plundering their town, whereupon I presently gave orders for all my horse to march to Stone, and a good party thence forthwith to go and beat up their quarters at Newcastle, and I gave the orders for my foot to march to Ecclesall Castle, to make good the retreat, being resolved that if the Lancashire gentlemen would join with me, according to those letters I lately sent to the same purpose, I would get together all the strength I could and fall upon the enemy in the rear, but the same night came to me a messenger from Lancashire and a letter expressing that their occasions in their own country were so pressing that they could not join with me, whereupon I summoned a council of war, and their result was that in respect I was disabled by the want of those forces that should have joined with me I was not able to deal with the enemy, they being at the same time past Wem and Nantwich, and they in Wem able to look abroad and get provisions, I would attempt Colonel Leigh's house, a strong garrison in Staffordshire called Rushall Hall, and in the possession of Colonel Lane, Governor, a place very considerable, if gained, for trade from Cheshire, Staffordshire and other parts, whereupon I made preparation for my march, and set forth out of Stafford for this place the 25th of May, taking along with me two drakes, two sakers, and the Stafford great piece, with ammunition proportionable, my own regiment of horse consisting of twelve colours, but more troops than colours, in regard they are newly raised, the Stafford horse and Sir Thomas Middleton's four troops, besides my own regiment of foot and the Stafford regiment, with these I marched to our rendezvous six miles off, where Sir Thos. and Sir Wm. Middleton's regiments of foot should have met me, both consisting of 400, but they would not obey my orders, but fell into their old course of mutiny; from whence I marched that night to Blocksidge [Bloxwich] and there made an halt, being within two miles of Rushall Hall, and sent out

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all my horse to surround the house, commanded by Colonel Rugeley and my Major, and by break of day marched with the rest of my forces and cannon thither, which day was spent in exchanging small shot and viewing the ground for a battery, and there quartered both horse and foot round the house. The 26th being Sunday we spent in Walsall town, where I quartered myself, but in the afternoon we were disturbed by an alarm that a woman had been taken coming out of a house by one of Capt. Kem's troop, who was sent to Lichfield to importune Col. Baggott to send to General Hastings to come and join their forces to raise the siege, which took up the day in debate for preparation to oppose them, and all the time our foot continued firing upon the enemy, and all the night with small shot. Monday the 27th we sent out parties of horse to get in provisions which were here very scarce, and spent the day in making blinds and preparing for the assault when the battery should be ready. During the action Capt. Arundel was shot in the foot, so that I was forced to pass most of the night in the trenches with the soldiers to cause the work to be finished. The 28th I received informations from the Committee of Stafford that the troops of Lord Loughborough, Snead, and [Colonel] Goring, consisting of 200 horse and some foot, were coming to Lichfield, but our reconnoitring parties failed to discover them until we came to Lichfield, where a skirmish took place, in which Lieutenant Graves, of General Hasting's horse, was taken, and eight of theirs killed and many wounded, with loss to ours of two killed and three or four wounded. By this time I had drawn up the Stafford horse and Sir Thos. Middleton's to mine, which the enemy perceiving faced about and retreated, leaving us in possession of the field, so the rest of the day and night was spent in completing the battery. Next morning our cannon played upon them [the garrison of Rushall Hall] until 9 o'clock, when I sounded a parley and summoned them to surrender up the house, promising fair quarter, but the Governor returned answer that he had orders to keep it for his sacred Majesty, and, therefore, if I desired to prevent the shedding of blood I must depart, for he would maintain his Majesty's commands to the loss of his dearest blood, upon which answer I gave orders to the gunners to give fire, and presently made a great breach in the wall through which eight might go abreast, and continued the fire till 4 p.m., plying upon the garrison in the church which was kept by Capt. Gravener, and reported so strong that the taking of it by assault would be less feasible than the house, whereupon I ordered to make trial whether it could be battered by turning the cannon against the steeple, which fired it and made the church too hot for those within. By advice of the council of war I resolved to storm it and the house that night, which was most cheerfully received by all the officers and soldiers. While we were preparing they sounded a parley and required hostages, which I consented unto, and despatched Capt. Tuthill to them and they Capt. Dibdall. The negotiators here named were appointed on either side, but being unable to come to terms all returned to their quarters. During the parley we viewed their works, which were as good as most in the kingdom, and not

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to be stormed but with the loss of many lives. This knowledge drew from me better conditions than were offered at first, and after long dispute the Governor rendered up the house upon our mutual signing the enclosed articles, which I was content to give to save the great effusion of blood. [2⅓ *pp.*] *Enclosed,*

145. I. *Articles agreed on between the Earl of Denbigh and Colonel John Lane upon the surrender of the garrison of Rushall Hall for the service of the King and Parliament.* 1. *That the said Colonel march out of the garrison with all the soldiers without any arms or ammunition—only the Governor, officers, and gentlemen, 20 in number, are allowed to march, each with one horse, sword, and pistols—by seven o'clock this night.* 2. *That the Governor and soldiers have a convoy to Lichfield, the convoy to return safe to Walsall.* 3. *That the Governor and gentlemen have two waggons allowed them to carry their goods and apparel.* 4. *That the Governor have two horses allowed him for his servants and four horses for the commanders and gentlemen. Signed, John Lane, 28 May* 1644. [1 *p.*]

May 28. Portsmouth. 146. John Biggs to the Commissioners appointed to take the general accounts of the kingdom. Your letter to me of the 10th came to hand the 23rd of this present. It is grounded on a letter directed from Henry Bury to Colonel Goring concerning divers accounts of the said Colonel during his residence at Portsmouth left as [supposed] in my hands and those of Mr. Lobb. I do not exactly understand what accounts are meant, for I have none relating to the payment of the garrison, which ought to be in the possession of Mr. Bury himself, for he was paymaster of the garrison, neither have I the accounts of the money received from the State by Colonel Goring for the fortifying of the town; but if the meaning be an account of the money expended by appointment of the Colonel about the fortification and new building about the King's house called God's house, then I answer I am partly acquainted with it. Particulars of the works undertaken by Biggs at the direction of Colonel Goring and the occasion of their difference. The Colonel protested upon his honour that he had no ill opinion of me, and at length the opportunity came which he had from time to time projected to himself, the relation whereof I beseech you to hear and read with patience, and give the afflicted leave to speak. Upon Tuesday the 2nd of August 1642 there came into Portsmouth divers coaches, and about 2 p.m. I was sent for by the Colonel and to bring the keys of the store, and as I was coming he met me and peaceably bid me come in and I should see what orders he had received, there being none present but one, whom I supposed to be a messenger from the King. He then showed me three particular writings, with Charles Rex at the top, all as I remember to this effect, "You shall take the charge of the Maria pinnace into your hands, and shall keep the town of Portsmouth and abide there and not depart thence for any command whatsoever, and you shall obey us in all our legal

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commands, and whosoever will not submit hereunto you shall put them out of the town;" these things I read to this effect, and then he commanded me to lay down the keys of the store and asked me what I would do, whether I would obey his Majesty in all his legal commands? I answered I would. But I perceived my answer was not to his mind, but that I had some reservation, he told me I should have time to answer, which I willingly accepted of, but he repented of that liberty given me and said I would acquaint my friends with it. I answered, I would not, but he said, "I know you to be a man of understanding and are able to give an answer presently," and then I asked him this question, who should be judge whether the commands were legal or no. He answered, a man's own conscience must be judge. I answered, I was not able to judge of the King's commands, but if a High Court of Parliament did judge of any of the King's commands to be illegal, I would believe a High Court of Parliament before I would believe any person about the King, which answer and resolution of mine drew on my sentence, that I must depart out of the town, and so I was [obliged] to go, though I knew not whither, with my wife and children, by reason of which sudden breaking off between Colonel Goring and myself, I was thrust out without having given me satisfaction for my service in this employment above mentioned, and besides all the arrears of the garrison in which I served as a member of the garrison, he paid me nothing at all, besides I was bound for him in 100*l.* with Mr. Lobb, which he has left unsatisfied, all which is a burden too heavy for me, besides other loss which I sustained, in my removing out of the town. I hope this will give satisfaction in what is required of me in your letter. As for Mr. Lobb I think he has little to say, but what it is he will answer in his letter for himself. Craving pardon for my boldness I commend you and your labours to the blessing of God. [1⅔ *p.*]

May 29. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. This being the day of the Fast no meeting was held. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 77.]

May 30. Manchester. 147. Sir John Meldrum to Basil Earl of Denbigh. I understand your Lordship is designed by the Parliament to assist this county. This potent and vigilant enemy which is now in the bowels of it wasting and spoiling, and flushed by the taking of Stockport and Bolton, if he be not speedily prevented, will raise a mighty army. If you will draw down with most of your strength towards our forces it may be the saving of so strong a party for the Parliament as is in these parts, which I earnestly entreat you to do. Some things concerning the state of this county not fit to be committed to paper for fear of intercepting, I have communicated to the bearer, whom you may credit. [1 *p.*]

May 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Maitland and Wharton, both the Vanes, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To inform Sir

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Samuel Luke that the Committee sent for these gentlemen who are to maintain the garrison of Newport, and commended to them the care of putting in execution the ordinance, and that they conceive nothing is due, but if it should so appear they will pay it. 2. That the letters of the 27th and 28th from the Lord General [Essex], and the propositions from Bucks, be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir Gilbert Gerard. 3. To write to the Lord General and Sir W. Waller to send some considerable force for the relief of Lyme [Regis], and acquaint them with the news from the Scottish army of Prince Rupert's march northwards. That they have sent two regiments for assistance to Lancashire, which way it is conceived Prince Rupert intends to go to York, and that upon this news the Earl of Manchester is marched within 20 miles of York, as also that this Committee has again written to the Earl of Manchester to attend the movements of Prince Rupert if he shall [go] southward. 4. To write to Manchester to keep a vigilant eye on Prince Rupert's movements, and if he come southward to follow him with diligence. 5. To write to Coventry that it will be prejudicial to recall Col. Purefoy at present. 6. To certify Col. Massie that we have been informed by the Committee of Gloucestershire of his good success. That they have ever been diligent solicitors for supplies for him. That his services have been very acceptable to us, and to desire frequent advice from him. 7. To certify Col. Purefoy that we have information that horses are taken from the Parliament's friends by some of his officers. That we also hear of the good accord between Col. Massie and him, and shall be tender of doing aught which may occasion difference or hasten the return of his regiment. To desire that Col. Massie's protections may be observed. 8. To write to the Committee of both kingdoms in Yorkshire, acquainting them that this Committee has written to Manchester to keep a vigilant eye upon the movements of Prince Rupert northward or southward, and to communicate counsels and intelligence with them [the Committee in Yorkshire]. 9. To give 20*l.* to the messenger who contrived to convey hither the letters from Exeter intended for Oxford. 10. In our next to Sir W. Waller, to request the return of the teams taken out of Middlesex and London, as there was great need of them for use in the City. 11. That the Vanes be desired to speak with Sir Henry Heyman and the gents. from Kent touching the draught horses that are to be sent to Sir W. Waller. 12. That Mr. Wallop and both the Vanes be desired to speak with the gents. of the Associated counties for raising of some foot and horse for prosecution of such designs as this Committee shall think fit. 13. That Capt. Temple do attend this Committee at 8 a.m. to-morrow. 14. That Wm. Gilbert, late comptroller of the train of artillery for Ireland, do deliver to the Committee of Citizens Adventurers for Lands in Ireland, sitting at Grocers' Hall, or to whom they shall employ, all [the stores in his possession ?]. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp.* 77–79.]

May 30. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex]. The western gentlemen brought us letters which they received

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from Lyme [Regis], by which it appears, that town, which has so gallantly defended itself, is in extreme distress, the enemy being within pistol shot of them, the cob being taken and 14 barks in the river burnt the first night the Lord Admiral came thither. This morning we obtained a packet of intercepted letters from Exeter to Oxford wherein the condition of Lyme and the state of the West is fully discovered. All which being considered, this Committee is clearly of opinion that it is necessary to send presently such a strength as may relieve Lyme, which will not only preserve that town which deserves so well, but be a means to prevent the levies of men and money now raising by a new Association in those parts, and to recover the whole West, whose affections are already very inclinable to the Parliament. This [business] is apprehended [to be] of so great consequence and necessity by this Committee and so earnestly pressed by the gentlemen of that country that we have desired two of their number, Sir John Bamfield and Mr. Nicolls, to repair to you and Sir Wm. Waller to solicit the execution thereof, and have by them sent those letters which concern this business; for haste there are no copies taken, and, therefore, we desire they may be returned when you have done with them. This morning the Scottish Commissioners acquainted us with letters they have received from the Earls of Leven and Lindsay, wherein it is expressly written that Prince Rupert is for certain coming towards York, and as they conceive by Lancashire, who have thereupon sent two regiments, commanded by Sir John Meldrum, to join with the Lancashire forces. We also hear that upon the news of the Prince's coming northward the Earl of Manchester's foot have marched within 20 miles of York. The information inclosed we have received from a Lancashire gentleman and send it to you, if this prove so it is not likely you should find any disturbance from that army. The letters we have sent confirm Col. Massey's good success and his taking Malmesbury, which is a terror to those parts, and will be an advantage to this design. Notwithstanding these reports, we have seconded a former letter to the Earl of Manchester and desired him to have a vigilant eye upon Prince Rupert's motions, and if he shall come southward to follow him with diligence. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Nicolls, 2 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 99, 100. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. Of the same tenor as the preceding *mutatis mutandis* to "advantage to this design"; then this additional clause: We shall not need to recommend this further to you, having always had experience of your forwardness, and considering that the safety of the western parts is committed to your care and many of your forces designed to that end. Sent with that to the Lord General. [*Ibid*, *p.* 100. *Minute.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms in the Scottish army. We have received informations that Prince Rupert is marched with all his force to the north into Lancashire, and have

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written to the Earl of Manchester to keep a vigilant eye upon his motions, and that in case he should come southward again the Earl should attend him and follow with all diligence, for in that case there will be a necessity of it, either to hinder his conjuncture with the King's forces or else the better to enable the forces with the Lord General [Essex] to deal with them both being joined. The Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller are joined about Abingdon [in Berks], and are now upon their advance toward Oxford. The town of Malmesbury and Beverstone Castle [in Gloucestershire] are taken by Col. Massey. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hanbury, 6 p.m. [*Ibid*, *p.* 101. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We are informed that Prince Rupert is gone northward for Lancashire, and doubt not but your nearer distance and care have given you a certain knowledge of all his motions and turnings, which we entreat you to have a very vigilant eye upon, and in case that he shall again come southward that you will follow him with all diligence, for in that case your assistance here will be necessary. Col. Massey, with the forces with him, has taken Malmesbury and Beverstone Castle. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to the Lord Admiral [Warwick]. The intercepted mail of letters from Exeter to Oxford brought to this Committee discovers both the danger to Lyme Regis and the whole state of the West. We have sent to the Lord General [Essex] and Sir Wm. Waller concerning some speedy sending of a considerable strength to raise the siege and relieve that town, which we hope will be a good progress to the reducing of the whole West. We desire that you will give that town all the assistance and encouragement that you can by sea. By the enclosed letters and extracts you will see their state in order to the sea, which please return when you have done with them. We add no more, knowing well that you will make the best use that may be of this intelligence. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler to Warwick House, 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 102. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. We have sent for the gentlemen of those counties that are to maintain the garrison of Newport [Pagnell], and commended their care of putting in execution the ordinance for Newport, who answered us with a letter which they have received from the Earl of Manchester, the copy of which, so far as concerns the garrison of Newport, we have sent enclosed. They further say that they conceive that nothing is due in regard that their men have been long there, but if upon account anything shall appear to be due they will pay it. Signed as above, and sent by Sir S. Luke's servant. [*Ibid. Copy* = ⅓ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to [Mr. Rose] Governor at Lyme [Regis]. We have received advice of your straits, and have appointed relief for you both by sea and land, and are assured that in very short time a sufficient force to raise the siege will march towards you. We understand

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by intercepted letters that the enemy fears you will dispute it from line to line with them, and that they have little ammunition left. Signed as above, and sent by one who Mr. Rose recommended to that service and one at the same time in taffeta. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 103. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We have considered of your letters and desires that Col. Purefoy may return to you with his regiment of horse. The design he is upon is of very great consequence, so as for the present we do conceive it may be very prejudicial to recall him, but so soon as the public good will permit we shall readily concur with your desires. Signed as above, and sent by one of the Coventry messengers. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to Col. Purefoy. We are desired by the Committee of Gloucester residing here to give you notice that some of your Captains take horses from such as are friends to the Parliament and have Col. Massey's protection. They acknowledge you have done special service in co. Gloucester, and hear from Col. Massey that there is a very good accord betwixt him and you, and are tender not to do anything which may occasion any difference or hasten the return of your regiment. The complaint is only against some of your officers. We entreat you that Col. Massey's protections and commands may be regarded, and that the horses which shall be taken hereafter may be from enemies and malignants, and that a reasonable proportion of them may go to the recruiting of Col. Massey's regiment, which is to stay constantly in those parts, and cannot be otherwise supplied. Signed as above, and sent on the 31st by John Priestley, at 8 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 104. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 30. Derby House. The same to Col. Massey. This Committee has been informed by that of Gloucester of your good success in taking Malmesbury and Beverstone Castle, who have been ever upon all occasions earnest solicitors for your supplies, and have still given an account to this Committee of your faithfulness and industry in those many good services which you have done in that place, which has not been without its further influence. We thought fit to manifest how acceptable those services have been to us, and being assured that you will still go on in the exercise of the same activity, do desire that you will give us frequent advice of your affairs. We shall be ready to give you all assistance and furtherance in our power. We have written to Col. Purefoy concerning the complaint made against some of his officers. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 104, 105. *Copy* ⅔ *p.*]

May 31. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Maitland, and Wharton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor St. John, Sir H. Vane, junr., and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the news contained in the Lord General's letter of the 29th, together with his desire for the second month's pay, be reported to the two Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and

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Sir H. Vane, junr., respectively. 2. That it be likewise reported to the House that they will give order that some proportion of the soldiers' pay may be paid to the Commissary for Victuals, for carriages and other necessaries about sending the provisions from hence to the army. 3. That the House [of Commons] will take care for sending another month's pay to the army of Sir W. Waller and the City forces. 4. That the propositions concerning Greenland House presented by the gents. of co. Bucks. be sent to the Lord General, and a letter drafted to let him know that we have no horse hereabouts. That we are informed that some horse are sent thither from Basing, by which contributions will be brought in from all the country thereabouts. That we had thought to have employed the horse of Aylesbury in that service, but are now informed that his Lordship has otherwise designed them. To recommend it to his Lordship, if he approve the design of the propositions, to send such horse as he can spare for that service, which after a few days may return to him. 5. To write to Sir W. Waller that this Committee has been informed that, upon a report of some forces raised in London for Basing and Greenland Houses, he has given order to Col. Norton to march with his regiment. To let him know that these forces are not yet ready, and if that regiment be removed that country will be like to be ruined, and therefore to desire that those forces may be employed where they are. And to enclose to him a copy of the letter to Col. Norton. 6. To write to Col. Norton to be preparing to perform the directions of Sir W. Waller, to whom he is speedily to forward this letter. Afternoon.—Ordered, 7. That the gentlemen of Bedfordshire be desired to attend to-morrow afternoon. 8. Two letters to the same effect to be drafted, the one to Lord Fairfax and the other to the Earl of Manchester, certifying them of the design of the enemy in Lancashire, that it may be prevented. 9. That Mr. Wallop do report to the Commons that Capt. Higgons denies all the articles laid to his charge, except that only of drawing his sword, and desires that they may be proved. This Committee desires a speedy examination of the circumstances, and meanwhile Capt. Higgons to be detained here until further order. 10. To acknowledge the receipt of the Lord General's letter, to send him a cipher enclosed, to let him know that the Earl of Forth's letter was sent to him to be forwarded to that Earl. That this Committee had moved the Commons for his second month's pay, and that Committees were appointed to go to the Excisemen to get it ready, &c. 11. That the petition of the Scottish Reformado officers be reported to the Commons' House to-morrow by Mr. Wallop, with the desire of this Committee, that they may be speeded away into their native kingdom where their service will be useful, and is desired by the Committee of Estates at Edinburgh in their letters to their Commissioners here. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 79, 80.]

May 31. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. We have received your letters communicating the intelligence of those parts and promising

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further account this day. We concur in your opinion of the trinketing [medling] with Oxford, and are very apprehensive of the danger thereof. Following your example we send you copies of two letters in a packet intercepted sent from Exeter to Oxford and secrecy enjoined. We trust to your prudent care in things of this nature, and in regard of the great distance and danger of letters being intercepted we send you a cipher of the coming whereof we desire to hear from you. For what you write concerning Prince Rupert we have herein sent the intelligence this day received from Lancashire. On the report made from this Committee the House of Commons has appointed Committees to go to the Excisemen and others who have the ordering of money for your army for the speedy sending of the two months' pay, and if they have not such money ready to be desired to advance it against Tuesday next, and that a report be made how the case of money is. We have few horse for convoy, and when you shall have certain notice of the day we desire you to send a convoy of your horse to meet the money as near this place as may be. The letter to the Earl of Forth was delivered to us by the Commissioners from Scotland, with a desire that it might be sent as directed. Signed by Northumberland and J. Maitland, and sent by Mr. Newman, at 10 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 105, 106. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

May 31. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We are informed by Mr. Wallop and some other western gentlemen that your commands, grounded on intelligence that fresh forces are raised in London intended for [the sieges of] Basing and Greenland [Houses], are come to Col. Norton to hasten his march to you with his regiment. Those London forces are not yet ready, as soon as they are, we will send you word. We find the country, which by reason of that force declares for the Parliament, is like to be ruined if they remove, which considering and what we wrote to you about Lyme [Regis] and the west, we are therefore of opinion that it will be desirable if you can spare those horse, that they be employed for the present service where they are. We have here enclosed a copy of our letter to Col. Norton, and desire speedily to hear from you. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 106. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 31. Derby House. The same to Col. Norton. We are informed by Mr. Wallop and some other western gentlemen that whereas you had directions to reside about Basing where you have done very good service, but Sir Wm. Waller, for that he has intelligence of fresh forces raised in London intended for Basing and Greenland [Houses], hath therefore sent for you with your regiment to accompany him. We are informed if your horse remove that those parts are like to be ruined, which under hope of your protection have declared themselves for the Parliament. Yet, notwithstanding, we would have you carefully perform the directions, as we hear you are preparing to do, and forthwith to post away a messenger to Sir Wm. Waller, to whom we have writ, for we conceive if that intelligence of the London forces had not been Sir Wm. Waller would not have sent

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for you, and we find those London forces cannot be speedily ready either for Basing or Greenland. Signed as above and sent by R. Fawkeard, 8 p.m. [*Ibid, p.* 107. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

May 31. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. We are informed that there are some horse sent from Basing House to Greenland House to [re-]inforce that garrison, by whom the whole country thereabouts is like to be brought under contribution or be plundered by them. The information has come to us from the House by the gentlemen of Buckinghamshire, whose propositions here presented we send enclosed. We had thoughts to have employed the horse of Aylesbury in that service, having no other horse hereabouts, but that we are now informed that you have otherwise designed them. Therefore we recommend it to you, if you approve those propositions, to send such horse as you can spare for that service. We conceive the country cannot well be preserved without some horse speedily sent, and we have none hereabouts to command to that service. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Newman, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 107, 108. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 31. Derby House. The same to the Commissioners with the Scots' army. Upon information of Prince Rupert's march toward Lancashire, we have thought fit to write letters to the Earl of Manchester and Lord Fairfax to confer with you about the fittest way for preventing that design, as by the enclosed will appear. We shall therefore desire you to take this business into your most serious consideration, as that which is not only probable to prove very prejudicial to the northern parts and continuing the seat of the war there, but most advantageous to the King's designs with relation to Ireland and the speedy recruiting Prince Rupert's forces. The Earl of Essex's forces are about Oxford pursuing the enemy, and likely to give a good account of them speedily. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Potter, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 108. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

May 31. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We hear Prince Rupert is upon his march for Lancashire with an army of 8,000, whereof most horse, and above 50 pieces of ordnance, where, if he be not hindered, he is like to double his forces by the power of the Earl of Derby, who hath invited him and the ill-affected of that county, as is set down at large in the inclosed information. This information inclosed and other circumstances concerning the state of those parts make it probable that Prince Rupert's march is in pursuance of this design. If the Paliament should lose that county, which has so many arms, and to which there may come an increase of strength from the bordering counties and also from Ireland, our affairs which are now in a hopeful condition would be set back there and throughout the whole kingdom. We therefore in a special manner recommend to you the timely prevention thereof in such a way as upon conference with the Scots and Lord Fairfax shall be judged fittest. The Lord General [Essex] and Sir Wm. Waller are about Oxford pursuing the enemy, and likely to give a good account of them speedily. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 108, 109. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

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May 31. Manchester. 148. Sir John Meldrum to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Not knowing whether my last be come to your hands, I have adventured upon this second to express how sensible I am of your noble resolution to look more upon the bulk of England distressed in any corner than upon any private Association not so much threatened with the ravages of that fierce thunderbolt grown fearful unto the ignorant. There is an invitation by Lord General Leslie [Earl of Leven], Lord Fairfax, and the Earl of Manchester to join your forces with my Lord of Manchester's horse. Sir Thomas Fairfax and Major-General [David] Leslie are in pursuit of Prince Rupert's army, deeply engaged in a country full of difficult passages for ordnance and carriages. Rupert's forces are divided into two bodies, the Marquis of Newcastle's horse, not exceeding 3,000 as I am credibly informed, and 100 foot, without ordnance, lying upon the frontiers of Yorkshire, betwixt Woodhead and Stopford; and the Prince himself with 4,000 horse and 7,000 foot, and 14 pieces of ordnance lying about Bolton and Bury, at a great distance one from the other. [*Seal with arms.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

May 31. Nantwich. 149. The Committee for Cheshire to the same. By these letters and the relation of the bearer we doubt not but it will be evident to you in how sad, forlorn, and desperate condition these counties now remain, for prevention whereof all those who intend the advancement of the public [welfare] cannot but think themselves obliged to lend their utmost assistance, especially being invited and wooed thereunto as your Lordship has been by us, who are no more engaged than yourself. We therefore make bold to write to you in this free way, hoping you will excuse us, the public safety commanding these free and ingenious expressions. If your Lordship be pleased to join with us it will be an acceptable service to the State, if not, we have discharged our duties, the denial of which requests we conceive can neither be answered to God nor man. [*Seal with arms and crest.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*]

[May.] 150. Petition of Thomas Haselrigg to the Lords and Commons. Petitioner being one of the Committees for co. Leicester and employed by them upon the country's affairs to this House, Lord Grey seeing him in Westminster Hall fell upon him with reproachful language in a loud tone, calling him rascal and base fellow, with other threatening language. Petitioner craves a vindication of this Assembly, being a faithful servant to your honours. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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June 1. 1. Bond of Theophilus Higgons in 500*l.* payable to John Hunt, Sergeant-at-arms; conditioned that Higgons shall not depart the lines of communication without special direction of the Committee of the Commons' House for Examinations, then this obligation to be void. [*Three seals with devices or crests. Latin and English.* 1 *p.*]

June 1. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Henry Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crewe, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Hen. Vane do go to the House of Lords and desire Lord Rochford to attend and speak with this Committee. Afternoon.—Ordered, 2. That four messengers be appointed, to be always ready to go to and from the Lord General's army, so that some may be always there to bring intelligence daily to this Committee; and that the messengers there attend all those in the army that are of this Committee, and the Commissioners from the Parliament who are resident there, as also to Major-General Skippon, to have their letters to this Committee. 3. Sir Hen. Vane, junior, do report to the Commons the return of those who were employed by the Parliament as agents to the King of Denmark, and of the letters brought by them. 4. That the instructions following be delivered to Capts. John Kerse and Richard Willoughby. The sum of 30,000*l.* being ordered by both Houses to be sent to Carrickfergus, in part of the arrears of the Scottish army in Ireland, you are to receive into your ship the proportion assigned you by the Goldsmiths' Hall Committee and sail for Yarmouth roads, and thence for Leith roads, and there advertise the Parliament of Scotland and observe their directions about deliverance of the money, whose directions shall be your discharge. For safety you are to keep with the Globe, under Capt. Willoughby. The like instructions *mutatis mutandis* to Capt. Rich. Willoughby, of the Globe. 5. A letter to be written to the Lord General giving him a relation of the taking of the town of Stopford by Prince Rupert, and of what was this day written to the Earl of Manchester. 6. That Sir Gilbert Gerard be desired to remind the House of Commons of the business of Buckinghamshire. 7. That two letters be written to the Lord General and Sir W. Waller, desiring them to send to this Committee an account by Monday next of the numbers and state of their army, and what their designs are, and also of the number and state and what they suspect to be the designs of the enemy's forces, and where they are. 8. That the two letters from Sir Wm. Waller be taken into further consideration on Monday. 9. That in all letters from this Committee the hour in which they are signed be set down. 10. That the petition of the Muster-master of the army in Ireland and of the Irish officers be taken into consideration on Tuesday afternoon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 81, 82.]

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June 1. Aboard the James at anchor before Lyme Regis.

The Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committee of both kingdoms. By a letter written two days ago I gave you an account of the state of Lyme, touching which I have not yet observed any considerable operation, only that yesterday there came into the bay a small vessel with 10 barrels of gunpowder and some corn and other provisions for its present relief. The town being all this day under mine eye, my affections have the stronger inclinations toward it; as a fruit whereof I cannot but beseech you to give it all possible respect by a speedy relief by land. I believe 1,000 horse and 500 or 600 dragoons would raise the siege and put these parts into a posture of service to the kingdom; besides which I know I need not use any arguments to your Lordships. On Thursday last I saw two ships of war sailing westward, having in charge a hoy for Topsham laden with rich goods valued at 2,000*l.*, which upon examination I found to be laden by English merchants in Holland and consigned to Ford, a great malignant in Exeter, and therefore I thought fit to send her up to London to receive sentence in the Admiralty Court. Upon further examination I found that five barrels of money were shipped aboard the said men-of-war for Exeter under the factorage of one Bayly, a peremptory and surly malignant, whom I secured, he endeavouring to impress on the captains an interpretation of my seizing the said galliot as ground enough for a national quarrel betwixt this kingdom and the States of the United Provinces. The money, about 10,000 rix dollars, I seized and have aboard to bring up at my return, having managed the business so that the captains went away well satisfied, I representing by letter to the States of Holland the truth of my proceedings and the cause. I take occasion to offer to your Lordships' consideration whether it may not be proper for this State by a public declaration to restrain the Hollanders and other foreign States from convoying arms, clothes, or victuals to any town in hostility against the Parliament. This would amount to no more than what the Hollanders do in their not suffering his Majesty's ships to convoy any contraband goods to Dunkirk, by which means the enemy will be less furnished with supplies, and will also want these advantages for trade which he now enjoys. I received yesterday the inclosed relation of the taking of Carmarthen, and have directed Captain Richd. Swanley to attend your Lordships, he being newly come from Milford Haven, to give you an account of the state of those parts. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 1, 2. *Copy*= 1⅔ *p.*]

June 1. Selby.

Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I received yours of the 25th of May to the same effect as your former, which I endeavoured to satisfy in mine. I can assure you that I took all care to bring on an engagement with the Duke of Newcastle's horse which came from York, but they would not stay within 20 or 30 miles where my horse were. The time they employed in plundering about Leicester, most part of my horse were on this side Trent, unable to move by reason of the heavy rains. As soon as they had notice that Major-General Leslie and my horse were

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moving towards Nottingham, thinking to intercept them in their march northward, they marched in such hot haste toward Uttoxeter that they left great numbers of their horse dead on the highways, passing the Trent at Burton, and so got into Derbyshire. Sir Thos. Fairfax was sent with directions to engage the Newcastle horse, we having intelligence that they were coming toward Sheffield and Rotherham, but as soon as our horse were within 7 or 8 miles of them, they presently marched into those parts of the country in which it would be very difficult to pursue them. As to that part of your letter which relates to the affairs of Cheshire, I communicated it yesterday to General Leslie and Lord Fairfax, who appointed a council of war, and there it was fully debated what was fit to be done to prevent the spoil of Lancashire, where Prince [Rupert] now is near Manchester, having taken Stopford [Stockport] and Bolton, and given a sore blow to Col. Rigby, who is come to Bradford, but upon debate it was concluded that if we divided our forces we might lose the whole design we are now upon, and do no great good to that country. Therefore the orders given are that Sir John Meldrum shall secure Manchester, where there are 5,000 foot, and I believe we shall use all means to give some speedy issue to this siege of York, that so all our force may be ready to oppose any enemy wheresoever they are, for the engagement is such now, and the consequence of carrying this place so great, as they cannot undertake any other action until this be finished. Your Lordships in your letters wish me not to do anything to the prejudice of the service in the north, therefore my actions shall be guided by the advice of the General here [Leslie] until I receive your commands. If you should order my removal hence, I will march whither you shall please to command. P.S.—Upon Monday I shall march to the leaguer [before York], and take up my quarter there. [*Ibid., pp.* 2–4. *Copy*=1½ *p.*]

June 1. Derby. Sir John Gell, George Gresley, and Thos. Gell to the Earl of Northumberland, Lord Maitland, and the rest of the Committee of both kingdoms. In obedience to your commands we will give you the best intelligence we can concerning these parts. [General] Goring with his company has lain some time near Sheffield, part of his forces [being] in our county, the rest in Yorkshire purposing to join with Prince Rupert about Halifax, but his passage that way being too dangerous, on Thursday last with all his horse and carriages, except such as were drawn by oxen, these being left at Sheffield Castle, he marched through our country [Derby] into Cheshire, his men are all armed but poorly provided with ammunition, numbering about 2,000. Our country Colonels Fretchwell [Fretchville], Eyne, and Millward, with their chief force of horse and foot, after several marches to Sheffield and back again with their carriages and most of their strength, on Thursday and yesterday marched after Goring; they have quitted Chatsworth, the Earl of Devonshire's house, but they still keep the rest of their garrisons in this county; Fretchwell took along with him eight colours of horse, averaging about 20 to a colour, but his foot were

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not many; the other Colonels had about 100 horse, 30 dragoons, and 220 foot. These are all gone into Cheshire, pretending to join with Prince Rupert and to raise the siege of York. Goring's company are extremely barbarous and plunder all but Papists. This morning our horse went to Ashby[-de-la-Zouch] and took from their grounds near the works 92 horses, 40 oxen and cattle; [Sir James] Hastings sallied out to redeem them; we killed three of his men, took five prisoners, and sent them into the town again. A page, one of the prisoners, says Hastings is hurt in the arm. All that we can testify is, that he brought up the rear when he sallied out, but led them the way to the town back again. This is all the information we can furnish for the present concerning these parts. [*Ibid., pp.* 4, 5. *Copy*=1⅛ *p.*]

June 1. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Earl of Manchester. We have received your letter of the 28th by Richard Newbold, by whom we understand that Prince Rupert has taken the town and bridge of Stopford [Stockport], the pass into Lancashire. We writ to you yesterday, and on further consideration now send this,—That we conceive it most conducible to the public good for a considerable force to march speedily into Lancashire to suppress those with Prince Rupert, which whether the state of affairs with you will permit to be done by your forces, and may be done by Yorkshire into Lancashire, which parts we are informed are difficult for ordnance and carriages to march in or by Derbyshire into Cheshire, or by both ways so as to shut up his forces, we refer to the result of counsel with the Scotch army and Lord Fairfax, which we desire may be had and we speedily informed of the resolution therein. Prince Rupert carried with him about 5,000 horse and 3,000 foot and 58, mostly small, pieces of ordnance. By reason of many in that county ill-affected and others suspected Prince Rupert may probably, as we are informed, double his army and make the passes into the county inaccessible, and by fortifying them come with his forces into other counties at his pleasure, and by sea have great supplies out of Ireland and make the war very long, Liverpool being, as we hear the Prince intends, a most considerable haven for that purpose. We apprehend the greatest advantage the enemy can have is by this design of Lancashire, and if those forces were suppressed their hopes and ends would sink and be frustrated. We refer to your consideration the securing of the passes betwixt Yorkshire and Lancashire. Signed as above, and sent by Thos. Pidcock, 5 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 109, 110. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

June 1. The like letter to the Committee with the Scotch army. Of the same tenor as the preceding, *mutatis mutandis.* [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 1. The like to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. Both which were sent by the same messenger as that to the Earl of Manchester and at the some time. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

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June 1. Derby House. The same to Sir Philip Stapleton. To the end that we may have frequent intelligence of the state of affairs in the army we have appointed four messengers to be continually passing between this place and you, and always to wait upon you for your letters; by them we desire to hear as frequently from you as the convenience of your affairs will suffer, and that you will send us the state and strength of the army by the first return and what you hear of the King's numbers and designs. Sent by Rowland Faukeard, 9 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

June 1. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. We have received information by a messenger from the Earl of Manchester, as also by a letter sent to the Scotch Commissioners, that Prince Rupert has taken Stopford [Stockport], which is upon the edge of Cheshire next Lancashire, and a pass into that county where there were 3,000 of the country people, but [they] were in disorder at his coming and so left it to him. Two regiments were sent from York into Manchester, one being Scottish, under the command of Sir John Meldrum, whose arrival had been signified to York. Prince Rupert is thought to have an eye on Liverpool as a place of great advantage in order to their designs of Ireland. We have again, in addition to what we wrote yesterday, commended this business to the Committee in the [Scotch] army at York. Lords Manchester and Fairfax are to do what upon consultation may be decided best to be done to hinder that increase of his [Prince Rupert's] forces which the disaffection of that part threatens, or to so enclose his forces there as by the difficulties of those passes they may be enabled. These occurrences we thought fit to advertise you of. We desire by means of the cipher lately sent, that you would signify by Monday the posture and number of your forces, as also the position and numbers of the enemy's army, and what you conceive their designs to be and what yours are. We have likewise written to Sir Wm. Waller to have an account of his forces. Signed as above, and sent by Rowland Faukeard, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 111. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 1. Derby House, The same to Sir Wm. Waller. To the same effect as the above letter to his Excellency the Lord General Essex. We have received yours of the 29th and 31st, and have resolved to take them into our most serious consideration. Signed as above, and sent by John Priestley, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 112. *Minute.* ½ *p.*]

June 2. Wedgbury. [Wednesbury.] 2. Basil Earl of Denbigh [to the Committee for the Safety of both kingdoms]. By the copy you sent me of my Lord General's letter to you, I cannot pass over a clause which reflected upon me as if I had in some kind neglected my duty; it falls in as direct a line upon my Lord of Manchester, with whom I shall be glad to suffer, and not think it strange in these distracted times that at so great a distance such mistakes, grounded upon misinformation, should produce such expression, which I desire hereafter may be forborne, as much prejudicial to my honour, or if I shall be subject to such undeserved reprehension, that I may wait upon you in the Par-

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liament House, where I have a right to a vote and a condition less subject to these misfortunes. This hath brought upon your Lordships the enclosed relation of my proceedings in these parts [*see above, May* 28], and for all my actions I render myself to the censure and opinion of the two Houses and your Lordships, but of no other judicatory, as I am a peer of this kingdom. I have received several invitations, though too late, from Lord Fairfax, Sir John Meldrum, the Committees and deputy-lieutenants of Lancashire and Cheshire to fall upon Prince Rupert in the rear. That of Cheshire [*see above, May* 31] is in a higher strain, wherein they have thought fit to lay a heavy charge upon me if I refuse to join with them, though I never received any such order from you but for the service of Wem, to which those of Lancashire would then pay no respect. But if you think fit to employ me in those parts as affairs now stand, I should be loth to engage without such an additional strength as might enable me to keep the field, the enemy having already taken possession of all the important passages. Newcastle's horse are quartered from Stopford [Stockport] towards the confines of Derbyshire and Yorkshire, and, upon my moving, will be ready to interpose with such forces as the Prince may easily send to their reinforcement. My forces are smaller than they are conceived to be; my regiment of horse consists of 400 besides officers, Sir Thomas Middleton's 200, and the Staffordshire horse 150. My regiment of foot makes up 400, the Staffordshire foot 250, and Sir Thomas and Sir William Middleton's near 400, but are now much diminished for want of pay. There are yet forces that lie idle and are useless to the State which I offer to your consideration in the enclosed paper, besides an overplus of men sufficient to maintain the garrisons as long as the great armies keep the field and the heat of the war is carried into the more remote parts of the kingdom. Amongst these I have named Colonel Purefoy's regiment of horse, as being returned by order, as I hear from the Committee of Coventry, into Warwickshire. If you think fit to join these forces with mine, I shall have a fair opportunity to fall on the one side of that great army, whilst my Lord of Manchester and Sir Thomas Fairfax undertake them on the other side; otherwise I desire my honour and these small forces may not be engaged upon so great impossibilities, especially in this great want of arms and money, which hath brought me into so many perplexities and my soldiers into such height of mutiny that myself and my officers are daily exposed to great hazards. My forces lie about Dudley Castle, which with the assistance of the country I hope to reduce, and at the same time I intend to call in the people to increase both my horse and foot, and to keep them ready to move upon your further orders. [3½ *pp. A copy of this will also be found in Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 7–10.]

June 2. Islip. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. Whereas in your care, to prevent the inconvenience of Greenland House, you mentioned that you were informed I had already designed the horse of Aylesbury, which I have not, but do well approve of the disposing of them for that service, with foot,

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cannon, and ammunition as to your Lordships shall seem necessary. Received on the 3rd inst., at 5 p.m. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 5, 6. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

June 2. Islip. The same to the same. I have received yours of the 1st inst. containing a direction to acquaint you with the state of the army, which I conceive I shall satisfy best by sending you this abstract of the last musters, whereby you can make a near computation of our strength. My endeavour has been to fight with the King's army, in pursuit whereof I have advanced as far as Islip. My army came not all in till 12 o'clock on Wednesday night, where we are yet in skirmish upon the several passes of the river Cherwell, and sometimes the service has been hot. It appears that the enemy, declining to fight, has endeavoured to stop us from passing that river, and consequently to force him to fight or to retire further. But I hope that if Sir Wm. Waller, according to orders which I have already sent him, be come on the other side of the river, I shall be able to give some further account of service [performed] upon them, if by the want of money and ammunition I be not hindered. This business I earnestly recommend to your especial care. P.S.—My Lords, the Dutch Ambassadors came this day from Oxford hither, and made very affectionate expressions to myself and the Council of War of their desires to do their utmost service in procuring a peace between the King and Parliament. The answer that we gave them I will not now trouble you with, intending to send it up to you very shortly by Sir John Bampfield. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 6, 7. *Copy partly in cipher* = 1⅓ *p.*]

[June 2.] [Amsterdam.] T[hos.] T[hynne, senr.] to Mr. Thos. Thynne, merchant at London. According to promise I send you enclosed a perfect relation of our D[eputy Governor of the Merchant Adventurers at Amsterdam's] carriage at the publishing of the King [of England's] letter and proclamation in our Court, by which you may easily guess of his affections towards the Parliament and Company. That which makes our condition the more miserable is, that most of us here are so weak in judgment that we cannot discern his plots, so that except you at London do stir us up roundly to stand for our privileges, and that you will assume the privilege of choosing us at first a masterly D[eputy] suitable to the times, I mean one that is not afraid to show himself for God, his King and country, I much fear we shall be the authors of our own misery, for such is the weakness of most of our young men that they think our relation to the King doth not only excuse this his strange carriage, but [they] commend him for showing himself so moderate. You may, if you think good, make use of the enclosed paper, for it is true, but be careful who you show it to, except you find the producing of it may do us good. I wrote to you the past week of Sir John Cockeron [Cochrane], who is our King's Commissioner, being here, whom I suspected had some instructions concerning our Company, which since I find to be true. He has brought with him a letter from our King to Isaac Lee and Barron, to the effect that the King understanding that we were loyally affected towards him, and had

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in no way assisted the rebels against him, he would have the parties named to advance him 350*l.* Hamburg money upon privy seal, besides a promise of shortening it out of the Customs, and in due time would remember to requite their good affections to him therein. Our D[eputy] urged compliance with the King's request, but it was opposed by Mr. Lee, and finally they agreed to return answer that they could not yield to His Majesty's desire in regard of their great loss, recently sustained by the King of Denmark seizing their ships at Glückstadt, occasioned by reason of our King's proclaiming all traders to and from London rebels, and of bad debts by reason of the Swedes falling upon Denmark, the decay of trade, and the remnant of their remaining estates lying in London. This denial doth much grieve the Cavaliers and anticipates their plot, for if this had taken, more letters would have been delivered, so seeking by this means to have engaged us all against the Parliament. I believe he brought the proclamation and letter with him from Oxford into Holland and so sent them hither. Two ships have been lately sent out of Holland for Exeter under convoy, but H. Spurway was too late to go in them, so is to go by London, where you may do well to have him examined and searched for letters. He will be as willing, I suppose, to confess what he knows as you will be to have him, for he has lived at Hamburgh, which has an evil name at Oxford. I would have you consider what a miserable condition we [here] must needs be in, when our head is so affected to the Oxford party, that they cannot propound any propositions so gross or absurd that he will not back, as appears by his urging us to set at liberty our trade, his endeavouring to draw men to lend money to the Royalists and so to engage themselves against the Parliament. P.S.—H. C. has perused the enclosed, and having altered something concerning himself, engages to testify, if occasion serve, the whole relation to be the true scope of what passed at the handling of that business, which it mentioned, as also F. T. D. H. and myself are ready to do the same, but we all desire you not to bring our names in question except need require. [*Three seals with arms. In Holland correspondence.* 2 *pp.*]

June 3. 3. Order of the House of Commons, that out of the 650*l.* belonging to Thos. Browker, who is in the King's army, now in the hands of Walter Smyth, 500*l.* be paid to Sir Walter Erle and disposed of in purchasing powder, match, and bullet for the armies in Yorkshire and Lancashire; likewise that 100*l.* thereof be allowed to the parties that made discovery of the same, and 40*l.* of the residue to be paid unto Mr. Wekherlin towards the monies in arrear and due to him for his entertainment. And this House undertakes to save harmless the said Mr. Smyth or any other concerned therein in payment of these monies. [*Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 3. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be

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written to Sir Samuel Luke to let him know that no letters directed to this Committee should be broken up upon any pretence whatsoever, and to desire from him frequent intelligence. 2. To write to Coventry that the House [of Commons] has taken care to recruit Col. Massie's forces, which shall be done with all speed, and to desire them to let their horse continue there for some short time. 3. That the letter from Coventry of the 31 May be reported to the House by Mr. Wallop, with the recommendation of this Committee for the speedy recruiting of Colonel Massie's horse to the end the Coventry horse [now with him] may return home. 4. That two passes be signed for the two ships under the command of Capts. John Kers[ey] and Rich. Willoughby, appointed to carry the money for the supply of the Scottish army in Ireland. 5. That three letters be written by the Committee of both kingdoms before York, the Earl of Manchester and Lord Fairfax informing them of the entry of Prince Rupert into Lancashire and [his] prevailing there, and that considering the passes and multitude of Papists and disaffected persons in that county he will so increase his forces as it shall be irrecoverable, and therefore [they] desire such a considerable strength may be sent thither as may ruin the Prince's army. 6. That Richard Gardiner be admitted a messenger to attend this Committee. 7. That a desire be reported to the House by Sir Henry Vane, junr., for 200 barrels of powder, and a proportionable quantity of match to be sent to Hull for the northern armies, and 50 barrels of powder to supply those in Lancashire, and to send to Sir Walter Erle to despatch it away. 8. That Sir Hen. Vane, junr., and Wm. White do with all convenient speed repair to the Scottish army, and to advise there with the Committees of both kingdoms, the Earl of Manchester, and Lord Fairfax as to what course shall be taken for securing Lancashire and ruining Prince Rupert's army. 9. That there be letters of credence for Sir H. Vane. 10. That a sub-committee be appointed to prepare instructions for Sir Hen. Vane, junr., and Mr. Crew, who are to go to the army of the Earl of Essex [viz.], Lord Wharton, Mr. Pierrepont, Mr. Solicitor, and the Scottish Commissioners. 11. That the letter from Nottingham be reported to the House by Mr. Wallop. 12. Instructions for Sir Henry Vane, junr.: 1, you are to repair to the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army, also to the Earls of Leven and Manchester and Lord Fairfax: 2, you are, with [the aid of] the Earl of Manchester and Lord Fairfax and by such other ways as shall be necessary, to endeavour the putting in execution of the several desires signified in the letters from this Committee, concerning the relieving and securing of the county of Lancaster, and the suppressing of Prince Rupert's forces; 3, you are to endeavour the same object with the aid of the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army in such ways as shall be resolved on after consultation had with the said Committee; 4, you are to consider and advise with the aforesaid persons by what ways and means cos. Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Durham, and the town of Newcastle may be rescued from the power of the enemy now master of the field there, and

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how the enemy's forces may be beaten out of those parts; 5, you are to give advertisements of all occurrences to this Committee; 6, you are to make return to this Committee on the 22nd inst., or sooner if you can. Instructions for Mr. White: 1, you are to repair to Lord Fairfax; 2, you are to endeavour the putting in execution of the desires of this Committee sent to his Lordship concerning the relieving and securing of co. Lancaster and suppressing Prince Rupert's forces. Also to proceed further as you shall from time to time be informed from Sir H. Vane, junr., a member of this Committee. Instructions for John Crew, Esq.: 1, you shall repair to the Lord General [Essex]; 2, you are to desire him speedily to take all advantages to fight with the enemy; 3, also to desire him according to our former letters to send a party to raise the siege of Lyme Regis, if it be not already done; 4, if he should be unable, upon advice had, to engage the enemy this week, then you are to inform him of the order of this Committee requiring Sir W. Waller with all his force to march into the west; 5, you are to confer with him how, when Sir Wm. Waller's forces are marched westward, his army may suppress the enemy's army. In case his army be not able to effect the same without the addition of other forces, [you are to confer with him] how the army now with the Earl of Denbigh, the forces under Col. Massie, and the forces in Coventry, Warwick, and other garrison towns may enable him thereunto. But in case his forces are unable, and sufficient supplies cannot come in convenient time, [you are to consult with him] what course is to be taken with his Lordship's army for preserving the quarters as now enlarged; 6, you are from time to time to give advertisements to this Committee of all occurrences; 7, you are to return to this Committee on the 12th inst., or sooner if you can; 8, you are to stay at Aylesbury until a sufficient convoy may bring you safe to the Lord General. [Instructions for ——]: 1, you are to repair to Sir W. Waller; 2, you are to desire him that he would speedily with the Lord General's army take all advantages to fight with the enemy near Oxford; 3, you are to desire of Sir William that according to our former letters a party be speedily sent to raise the siege of Lyme [Regis], if it be not already done; 4, if the Lord General's army and his upon consultation do not find it will be in their power to engage the enemy to fight with them some time this week, you are then to let Sir William know of the order of this Committee that he with all his forces shall speedily march into the west, but you are not to declare this until it be resolved that they cannot engage the enemy this week. In case Sir William with his forces shall go westward, you are then to let him [know] this Committee will do their endeavours for the City regiments, the Kentish forces, and the associated forces of Kent, Sussex, Surrey, and Hants to march with him. Afternoon.—Ordered, 13. That the gentlemen of Sussex be here to-morrow in the afternoon about Col. Apsley raising a regiment there and imposing levies of money upon that county for that purpose. 14. That a letter be written to the Committee at Northampton to let them know this Committee has received their letter, and will, with the first opportunity, satisfy their desires.

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15. That a letter be written to the Committee of Hertfordshire that this Committee hath a present design in hand wherein their own safety is concerned, and in which they mean to make use of that regiment amongst others, and, therefore, to desire them to continue their regiment where it now is till they shall receive orders for the said service. 16. That John Aston, living at Mr. West's house in Blackfriars, near the church, do attend this Committee to-morrow. 17. That the letter of credence and instructions now read be signed and delivered to Sir Hen. Vane and Mr. White. 18. That a sub-committee be appointed for examination of the business of Mr. Read, and to make a report thereof to-morrow, [viz.], Lord Wharton, Mr. Pierrepont, Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Browne. 19. That it be reported to the Earl of Pembroke by Mr. Wallop that this Committee has considered the two petitions of Sir John [Robert?] Dillington, Bart., and Wm. Newland of Newport, and finding nothing against the said persons (except only a letter directed to them in nature of a commission of array from his Majesty), do refer the whole business to the Earl of Pembroke to dispose of the said persons as he shall think fit by setting them at liberty or continuing them under restraint. That the instructions now read be signed and delivered to Mr. Crew. 20. That according to the 4th article of Mr. Crew's instructions, Sir Wm. Waller, with all his forces, do march into the west for the relief of Lyme Regis, and reducing the west to the obedience of the Parliament. 21. That letters be written to the commanders of the Hertfordshire regiment now at Berkhampstead and Tring, that their regiment, except the troops that are in Aylesbury, do march to Wickham as their rendezvous to be there on Wednesday next, and to observe such further orders as they shall receive from this Committee. 22. The like to be written to Captain Tirrell, captain of a troop of horse at Aylesbury. 23. The like to Capts. Aldridge and Nash, captains of two companies of dragoons in Buckinghamshire. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 82–87.]

June 3. Islip. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. Since my last the enemy has drawn off all his forces, both horse and foot, from the passes of the river near Oxford, and for aught that I can understand by all prisoners and scouts they are in a very ill condition if they do not help themselves by passing to and from over the rivers. Our horse have been upon very great duty; Commissary-General Behre having been upon duty in the field ever since Thursday till this night, and finding by this morning that the enemy was retreating he fell upon their rear and took 40 or 50 prisoners, whereof one gentleman [is] a great Papist and of great estate, Sir Wm. Spencer. To morrow morning I have appointed to march by break of day, and then I shall be able to give you a further account. Captain [Christopher] Fleming killed at Woodstock a quartermaster of Prince Charles hand to hand, and all he said after he was wounded before he died was,—The devil take all the Papists that had brought him to this. Sir Charles

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Blunt having struck an officer of the trained bands of Oxford he killed him near the King. We had not staid here thus long notwithstanding the enemy's endeavours to stop the passes, had Col. Harvey come up to us sooner, till whose arrival we were not provided for the service which now we shall be. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 10, 11. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 3. Leicester. Lord Thos. Grey to the Committee of both kingdoms. On my arrival at Leicester, being Friday night, I received intelligence that the forces from Ashby-[de-la-Zouch], about 400, were drawn out near Bagworth garrison, within six miles of Leicester, with resolution to fall upon that place. Upon Saturday I marched out against them, but when I came within two miles of their rendezvous they all retired to Ashby, so that failing of my expectation I returned next morning to Leicester, where I received advertisement that Col. Neville with 500 horse and dragoons were about Stamford, and that their design was to make a garrison of Woothrop [Wothorpe], which if they could effect would greatly annoy these countries. To endeavour to prevent them I am now upon my march with some horse from Northampton, resolved to fight with them, or else to force them to quit the country and retire to Newark. Concerning your late commands for me to march with my regiment of horse to his Excellency [the Lord General] I find them and the country in such a condition, that if I should be commanded away at this present, it would endanger the plundering of that part of the country that is yet preserved. I held it my duty to acquaint you with this, and shall from time to time give you an account of all passages and be ready to obey your commands upon all occasions. P.S.—My regiment of horse is in such a condition that of above 500 I do not find 300, but I shall endeavour to make up [the number] with all the speed I can. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 15, 16. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have written already two letters to you acquainting you with Prince Rupert's march into Lancashire, and recommending the preservation of that county to your especial care. Since the Prince's coming into those parts he has much prevailed, and being master of the field, considering the passes, the multitude of Papists and other ill-affected persons, and the great quantity of arms that will come into his hands, will not only make that country irrecoverable but so increase his army as that he may advance on Newcastle or any other part of the kingdom. We conceive it absolutely necessary that such forces be at once sent into Lancashire as may ruin the Prince's army, and having more reason now continue our former advice, that you would give your utmost assistance for the despatch of such forces, as upon consultation with the Scots and Lord Fairfax shall be thought fit for so important a work. We have written to them to the same effect, and that the work will be rendered more difficult if not unfeasible by delay. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Richard Gardner about noon. [*Interregnum*, 18 *E.*, *pp.* 112, 113. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

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June 3. The same to the Committee with the Scots' army. Of the same tenor *mutatis mutandis* as the preceding. [*Ibid., p.* 113. *Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 3. The like letter to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. This Committee have received your petition, praying that your regiment at Tring and Berkhampstead might return home to their dwellings. We would signify to you that we have a present design of concernment not far off, which affects your own safety, wherein we intend to employ them with others, and therefore desire you will continue them there till they shall receive our orders for that service. Signed as above, and given to one of themselves. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We have received yours of the 31st May, desiring Col. Purefoy's return to you and continuance there. Concerning which you may take notice that the House [of Commons] has given order for recruiting Col. Massey's forces, and this Committee has taken care for reporting your letter to the House, to quicken their resolutions for speedy effecting the same. Meantime we desire those horse may continue there for a short time until those recruits can be ready. Signed as above, and sent by Richd. Terry, 5 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. We have received yours of the 30th, and are very sensible of your present and past sufferings. We well remember your forwardness and constancy in advancing the public service, and shall be ready with the first opportunity to satisfy your desires. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Crew's care. [*Ibid., p.* 114. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. We received your letter with the enclosed, and conceive it very inconvenient that letters directed to this Committee should be opened upon any pretence whatsoever. We doubt not in future you will be careful hereof. We desire you to give us frequent advertisements of what you hear, either of our armies about Oxford or elsewhere. Signed as above, and sent by his own messenger. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to Captain Tirrell. You are desired to be at Wickham with [the Aylesbury] troop upon Wednesday next, where you are to expect further orders from this Committee, which you are carefully to observe. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler, 11 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to the Commander-in-Chief of the Herefordshire regiment and to the rest of the Commanders at Tring and Berkhampstead. You are desired to be at Wickham on Wednesday next with the Herts regiment, except the company at Aylesbury, and there to expect further orders from this Committee. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 115. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

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June 3. The like letter to Capts. Nash and Aldridge, for their two companies of dragoons of Bucks. [*Ibid. Minute.* 3 *lines.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scotch army]. This Committee, upon consideration of the affairs of the northern parts and of what great concernment the success of them will be to the three kingdoms, and because the mutual consultations between this Committee and your Lordships cannot so fully and speedily be communicated to each other by letters as by one of themselves acquainted with their debates and resolutions, have entreated Sir Henry Vane, junr., to repair to you, to whom they desire you to give full credence in such matters as he shall impart to you from this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by Sir H. Vane, who went at that time. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 3. The like letter to the Earls of Leven and Manchester and Lord Fairfax. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 3. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. This Committee are informed that Col. Apsley is raising a regiment in Sussex under pretence of a commission he has from you. The officers are to be maintained by the country, which will be a very great burden to it, and gives for the present great distaste. We think it very unseasonable at this time to lay any such burden upon the country, and therefore desire you will speedily recall that commission, which will give much content. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Crispe, who went with Mr. Crew. [*Ibid., p.* 118. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 4. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter from the Committee of Nottingham of the 2nd inst. be reported to the House by Mr. Browne. 2. That Weckerlyn do prepare a letter touching the proceedings of the States' Ambassadors, in pursuance of the order of 27th May of the House of Commons. 3. That a letter be written to the Committee of Derby, thanking them for their intelligence, and desiring them to continue it as matters occur. 4. That the letter from Col. Norton be reported to the House by Mr. Wallop. 5. To desire Sir Walter Erle to certify in writing to this Committee the present state of the magazines and stores. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 87.]

June 4. Leaguer before York. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received yours of the 28th May, together with the intelligence that came from the Lord General, which I presently imparted to the [Earl of Leven] General of the Scottish army, and I believe you will receive their opinions from their own hands. I cannot pretend to any ability to advise, but shall be ready to obey any commands that may come from your Lordships; only I will offer this [suggestion] to you, whether you think it fit that I should quit this conjunction with the Scotch army before it be certain that the King's forces march towards Lancashire to effect a juncture with

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Prince Rupert. I should think it very impossible for the King to join his forces with Prince Rupert's, which are now in the furthest part of Lancashire, considering his Excellency [the Lord General Essex] is so near him with so considerable a strength. The relief of York is thought to be the business which Prince Rupert aims at, and we have daily intelligence that they bend towards York. Just now I received yours of 30th May, whereby you give me to understand of Prince Rupert's march into Lancashire, which is most true, and he has done great spoil there. I am careful to have good intelligence of his movements, and though I am now quartered about York, yet I shall obey your commands in case he march southwards. P.S.—Sir Wm. Fairfax informs me that Mr. Derly, who lay constantly at his father's at Buttercrumbe, is this morning fetched away by a troop of horse from Scarborough, we have sent horse after them to rescue him if it be possible. [*Interregnum, vol.* 16 *E., pp.* 11, 12. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

June 4. Aboard "The James" in Lyme Road. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the Lords and others Committees for both kingdoms at Derby House. At the instant as I was despatching away my letters I received the enclosed from Capt. Robert Moulton, Admiral of Ireland, which having read over I at once despatched to you that you might know the state of those parts. I beseech you that the same may be communicated to the Houses of Parliament if you see cause, and that order may be given for sending of Committees into Pembrokeshire and for supply of what Capt. Moulton certifies to be defective so far as you may think fit. The brevity of this letter will be supplied by its bearer Dr. Walker, he being Advocate of the fleet, if you shall command his attendance. *Ibid., p.* 16. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 4. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Derby. Thanks for care in giving intelligence which is so necessary for the conduct of our affairs. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Richard Cockeram, 2 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 116. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 4. 4. The Committee for taking the Accounts of the kingdom to Mr. Lawrence Newman, at Haberdashers' Hall, requiring him to appear before them June 7th, 1644, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the house late of Alderman Freeman in Cornhill, with a true account of money received and paid by him at Haberdashers' Hall, for the fifth and twentieth part. [$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 5. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be recommended to the Lord Mayor and Common Council that Major-General Browne may command in chief in the expedition now going out to Reading, Greenland [House], and those parts. 2. That a letter be written to the Lord General, enclosing copies of the letters concerning the entrance of the enemy into co.

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Northampton, and to recommend the same to his Lordship's consideration, and to let him know that the House has taken care for the payment of the second month. That 100 barrels of powder have been provided for his army, to be sent to Aylesbury, and that this Committee has recommended it to the House to provide for his incident charges, and for the Scoutmaster-General. 3. To write to Sir Wm. Waller, representing that Col. Apsley is raising a regiment in Sussex, the officers of which are to be paid by that county, and that this Committee think it very inconvenient that any forces should be so raised, and to desire Sir William to recall his commission speedily. 4. The Spanish Ambassador's agent to be informed that if the Ambassador has anything to communicate to the Committee, they sit every afternoon at 3 p.m., and they leave it to his Lordship to take what time he pleases, but to give notice beforehand, so that they may lay aside all other business. 5. That Mr. Read be recommitted to the messenger and be brought hither to-morrow. 6. Lord Rochford to be desired by Lord Wharton to come and speak with this Committee at 4 p.m. to-morrow. 7. The Lord General's letter of 3rd June to be reported to the Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir Gilbert Gerard respectively. 8. That it be recommended to the House of Commons by Sir Gilbert Gerard that provision may be made for incidental charges of the Lord General's army, and for the Scoutmaster-General. 9. That the providing of the second month's pay for the Lord General's army be specially recommended from this Committee to the Committee appointed for that purpose. 10. That it be reported to the House of Commons that Sir Harry Vane, junr., is gone into the north, and Mr. Crew to the Lord General's army. 11. Mr. Coytmore to be informed that in the absence of the Lord Admiral it is best for him to apply to the Committee of the Navy. 12. A letter to be written to Sir John Meldrum stating that there is a ship of the fleet at Liverpool with some arms and ammunition, and though that ship be appointed to attend the Irish coast, yet till the present danger be over they may make use thereof, and then speedily dismiss the same. 13. Letters to be sent to the commanders and officers of the forces met at Wickham to advance towards Greenland [House], and joining with other forces thereabouts to be disposed in such quarters and so to act in that service as shall be agreed upon by a Council of War, until a Commander-in-Chief be sent thither. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 87, 88.]

June 5. Aboard his Majesty's ship "the James," in Lyme Bay.

The Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committees of both kingdoms at Derby House. Since the writing of my last letter concerning Lyme [Regis] I have received yours of the 30th May. I have perused the enclosed, and according to your command do herewith return them. I yet continue before Lyme, though in some respects inconveniently, having no means at hand to procure fresh water or provisions. I shall not stir from thence while I am possibly able to stay, knowing that the presence of the ships is a great encouragement, and the assistance of the mariners, who are not yet returned abroad, a great countenance and advantage to the town [of Lyme].

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The enemy [under Prince Maurice] is somewhat silent of late, comparing his actions since my last account of the state of the town with his former violence; only on Friday and Saturday he fired 20 or 30 houses, and sometimes both great and small shot play on the town, which is in like manner returned by the besieged. The soldiers from the enemy's works [Royalist siege works] also seem to have their former spirit and fury much abated, their railing language being not so frequent nor [have] the besiegers confidence of their own relief. Your Lordships' letter written in taffeta has added to the townsmen's resolutions and hopes of speedy deliverance. The state of the west, as represented by the intercepted letters, agrees with what I heard at my first coming hither. One of the enclosed [letters] takes notice of some ships gone, or going from Dartmouth to Guernsey. To prevent their doing mischief there I have commanded to Guernsey two ships of force, which with the smaller vessels already there, will, I hope, preserve that island in a safe condition. Danger from want of ammunition. The Lieutenant Governor [of Guernsey] being not able, through that defect, to accomplish the taking in of the castle, which, that want being supplied, he doubts not to obtain suddenly. I know the great occasions of the kingdoms make propositions tending to public charge less seasonable, yet withal it is not to be doubted but the shortening of that siege will answer the present charge, by preventing the greater charge of a further delay. I received two days since a letter from Col. [John] Moore, dated at Lathom leaguer, 9 May, importing among other things that the siege then continued at Lathom, but the provisions in the castle were grown low; that a plot was lately discovered for betraying of Manchester by Peter Heywood, who is thereupon fled; that they want in those parts powder and bullet of all sorts for their ordnance, having no means to procure it for money, and therefore he is a suitor that some may be sent down, which I leave to your Lordships' wisdom. I know I shall not need to urge your care for a speedy relief of Lyme Regis, the town relying upon your noble favour and promise. You may please to notice that the supplies of powder and match lately sent from the Isle of Wight by Capts. Lockyer and Jones have come in small parcels and short proportions, whereas upon a storming day the town, having in it 1,500 soldiers, including the seamen, spends about 15 barrels of gunpowder, and every day and night near ¼ tun of match, so that the proportions yet unspent will last but 5 or 6 days' service. The supply we have already spared them out of the ships makes it unfit for the ships to spare more. You may therefore be pleased to give order for a seasonable supply of ammunition. I received lately the enclosed propositions from Sir John Norwich, concerning the recovering of Jersey, which I beseech you at your leisure to peruse, and to give leave to Sir John to attend you about them if you shall see cause. The thing in general is questionless very necessary, and how far those propositions may be admitted as conducing thereunto I leave to your judgment. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 12–15. *Copy*=2½ *pp.*]

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June 5. Stow [on-the-Wold].

Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. We received yours of the 30th May and 1st June on the 5th inst. We are most sensible of the danger to Lyme Regis and the mischief that will grow in the west if not timely prevented. We think his Excellency [the Lord General] intends [advancing into] those parts from a letter he sent this day, which is enclosed. We are now in pursuit of the King's army. The King yesterday made a long march; we conceived his head-quarter had been at Burford, but he marched six miles further, some [of his forces coming] to Stow-on-the-Wold and some to Burton-on-the-Water. This day the King was at Eversham [Evesham] by 2 o'clock. His army could not march so fast. Certainly they are in as great fears and as much perplexed as can be imagined. It is said his strength of horse was 4,000 and his foot 3,000 when he left Oxford, but now we hear there are not above 1,500 foot and 3,000 horse. This night we send out a strong party of horse, and if we miss in that we shall not be able to overtake them at this run. Last night we sent a party to Burford hoping to have found them there, and gleaned about 50 stragglers and 20 horses. The weather proves very bad, which hath been a great hinderance to us, yet the soldiers march cheerfully. It is the grief of our hearts we can do no more. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 17. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 5. The Leaguer before York.

The Earls of Leven and Manchester and Lord Fairfax to the same. Your Lordships' several letters to each of us touching Prince Rupert's approach and entry into Lancashire came to our hands yesterday, which we presently communicated each to other, and this day we met together to consult and represent the state of that country and of our forces here to you, that it may appear nothing has been neglected on our parts conducing to the advancement of the public service. About 14 days since, when we first heard of Prince Rupert's bending his course towards Lancashire, the forces of that country, estimated at least at twelve troops of horse and 7,000 foot, were ordered to be drawn together on the frontier of the county towards Cheshire, where there are only two passages, the one by Stopfort [Stockport], and the other by Warrington, which those forces might easily have made good against Prince Rupert's army, not then exceeding 8,000 men, part horse and part foot; yet to give the more encouragement to the country, we sent Sir John Meldrum with two regiments of foot and two troops of horse from hence, who arrived not at Manchester until the Lancashire forces had deserted Stopfort [Stockport], and left that passage open for the enemy, who instantly overran the country, and being assisted by the Earl of Derby, and the Popish gentry of Lancashire, have already doubled their strength and have taken Bolton by assault, being defended by Col. Rigby with 2,000 armed men and 1,500 clubmen and they made a great slaughter of the defenders as the vulgar reports tell us; though Col. Rigby himself says that he conceives he lost not 200 men, nor 500 arms, the rest saving themselves by flight; and now on Monday last we hear that General Goring with all or part of his horse are joined to Prince Rupert's army at Bury, so that we

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all conceive Lancashire is in great hazard for the present to be brought under the enemy's power, the town of Manchester excepted, which is well fortified and has within it Sir John Meldrum to command, and at least 5,000 well armed men with sufficient store of ammunition, but no means are left to us to prevent the spoil of Lancashire without apparent hazard of the loss of this country, for by this accession of forces Prince Rupert's army is so increased as we think it not safe to divide our men, and send a part to encounter him in Lancashire. If we should raise our siege before York and march with all our forces against him, it is in his discretion to avoid us, and either pass by another way than that we take, and so come into Yorkshire, or else retire into Cheshire, whither if we should pursue him, it would be in the Marquis of Newcastle's power, in our absence, to recover all Yorkshire again and increase his army to as great strength as ever it was. Therefore we have all of us resolved it to be the most convenient to quarter our horse and dragoons betwixt Ripton [Ripon] and Otley and some other forces about Blackstone Edge to stop the enemy's suddenly falling upon these parts, or raising our siege, which is especially intended by them, and in the meantime we shall continue our siege here and attempt what is possible for gaining the place [York], and then we may pursue Prince Rupert with our united forces; or, if he make his passage sooner into Yorkshire, then we must draw off our armies from before the town and joining all our force together give him a field, wherein, if it please God to bless us with victory, all the county of Lancashire and the city of York also will in all probability fall of themselves to us. These being the principal motives and our resolutions upon them, we have thought fit to offer them to your Lordships' considerations. [*Ibid., pp.* 17–19. *Copy* = 2 *pp.*]

June 5. Leaguer before York. Earl of Lindsay and Sir H. Vane to the same. Your letters of the 27th May and 1st June are both come to our hands, and as we shall willingly entertain a constant correspondence with you for the better managing of this war, so we are very confident that the forces we have left in the northern counties with those that are on their way from Scotland will be more than sufficient for securing of these parts and the well affected in them. And for your advice in yours of June 1, we conceived our sending of Sir John Meldrum with two regiments of foot into Manchester might have been sufficient with the assistance we expected from the inhabitants to have made an obstruction to Prince Rupert's entry into that county. But being thereof disappointed, we can hardly, in the posture we find matters to be now in, divide the armies or send any great party into Lancashire able to encounter the Prince's forces unless we should leave this siege [of York] too weak or otherwise make those whom we send a prey to the enemy, and thereby render ourselves the more unable to do that service which we might. Upon this ground, by common advice and consent, the Earl of Manchester's foot are joined with us, and his cavalry with ours is lying in the passage betwixt York and Lancashire. Sir John Meldrum has secured Manchester. This is all for the present we can do toward

the relief of that shire; but we shall ever do what we conceive and see to be best for the public service. [*Ibid., pp.* 19, 20. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

June 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Commanders of the Hertfordshire regiment. We sent you orders of the 3rd inst. to be at Wickham this day and there to wait further order. We now desire that you speedily advance from thence towards Greenland House, and joining with the forces already thereabouts, be disposed in such quarters and so act in the present service as shall be agreed by the Council of War upon the place until a Commander-in-Chief be sent to you, which shall be speedily. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Rowland Faukeard, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum, vol.* 18 *E., p.* 116. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 5. Derby House. The same to Sir John Meldrum. We are informed that a ship belonging to the fleet is lately come to Liverpool, wherein there is some store of arms and ammunition. Considering that the state of the country may at present be such that it may prove dangerous to land the stores at Liverpool, and yet may be prejudicial to the public service if the ship should go away with them, and though that ship be appointed to attend the Irish coast, we think fit that, till the present danger be over, you make stay thereof and then speedily to dismiss the same. Signed as above, and sent to Mr. Ashurst to be forwarded, 10 p.m. [*Ibid, p.* 117. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 5. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. Having received information from the Committee of Northampton, that their county is much infested by the enemy from Stamford, and that daily inroads are made into that country by the enemy's forces lying between Oxford and Banbury, so that they are not able to defend their own county nor to gather their taxes, we have thought fit to send a copy of their letters here enclosed, and to recommend them to your consideration. Concerning the second month's pay, we have used our best endeavours, and the House of Commons has appointed Sir Gilbert Gerard and Mr. Long to take care of the same, whereof we hope to give you a certain account within few days. There are 100 barrels of powder provided for your army to be sent to Aylesbury. We have recommended to the House that provision may be made for incident charges of Scoutmaster-General. Signed as above, and sent by R. Faukeard, 9 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 5. 5. Bond of Capt. Thos. Plunket, of London, in 1,000*l.* for his personal appearance before the Commons' House or any Committee thereof to answer for his refractoriness in refusing the oath proffered him by the Court of Admiralty. [*Three seals with arms and crests. Latin and English.*]

June 6. 6. Petition of Henry Gough, merchant, to the House of Commons. Petitioner having resided many years as a factor in Marseilles came thence to Bristol in January last, where he continued two months to remove the estate he had there out of the enemy's power. In

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February last he shipped certain goods aboard the Tiger of Amsterdam bound for Marseilles, which was surprised by Captain Wm. Penn and others in the Parliament's service. Petitioner having been always well affected to the Parliament, as is proved by the annexed certificate under the hands of credible witnesses, prays that, upon proof of the premisses, his goods may be restored him. *Underwritten,*

6. I. *The Judge of the Admiralty is desired that the petitioner shall make the truth of this petition and inventory [appear] upon oath in that Court. Richard Rose, June* 6, 1644. [1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

6. II. *Certificate by Tho. Smith and John Hill, receivers of reprisals to the Committee [for Reprisals]. That the value of the above goods, of which an inventory is given, deducting customs, Lord Admiral's tenths, &c., is* 503*l.* [1 *p.*]

6. III. *Deposition of Henry Gough on oath before Dr. William Sames, Judge of the Admiralty. As to the lading of his goods on board the Tiger, specifying the nature and quantity of the goods.* 10 *Oct.* 1644. [1 *p*].

June $\frac{6}{16}$. The Hague. Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia to Sir Thos. Roe. I am very glad to find by yours of 8th May that my letter to you was so civilly used as not to be opened, though I follow your example to write nothing but what I care not who sees it. I have staid writing to you these two posts in hope to have gotten an answer to my letters concerning you, but I have yet received none; I am very sorry you are not able to come over to [consult] the Polish doctor, but when he comes I will use all means to get him [to cross] over to you. I confess I should be so glad to see and speak with you, and am most sorry that your want of health should be the hinderance, but hope it may mend. The Swedes have not had of late so good fortune against my uncle [the King of Denmark] as before. He has given them a blow at sea, some [say] a great one, but the Swedes diminish it all they can. Mons. de la Tuillerie is there; but I have not heard that he has begun to treat. The States' Ambassadors are yet scarce gone, the Venetian Ambassador Contarini, who is at Münster, wrote hither that the Ambassadors there desire to have that peace treated at Münster jointly with the rest; they do as yet nothing there. The French have been soundly beaten in Spain near Lerida, their cannon and baggage taken, the King of Spain was there in person; the Duke of Orleans is before Gravelins, the Prince of Orange is in his old quarter of last year, his enterprise against Ghent having failed, and Brederode is now Marshal of the field since the Count's death. He should have landed at a dyke called the Austrian Dike, but he found it so well provided with men that neither horse nor cannon could march, so he retired. So there is like to be no great matters performed this summer by that army. I have yet little hope of getting from the Parliament those moneys that are due to me. I cannot imagine why they should be so hard to me, I am sure I do not deserve it, except it be a fault that I am the King's

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sister, which is a crime I shall never be sorry for. I pray God send a good peace, and that I may once again see you as well as heretofore. [*Imperfect copy. 2 pp. In Holland Correspondence.*]

June $\frac{6}{16}$. The same to the same. I see many reasons in your last letter why you should be weary of the world and willing to leave it, but there are none that show you useless unto it or the same fit to want you. If physicians are necessary in sickness, counsellors in distractions, friends in afflictions and calamities, certainly in general depravities there is much need of honest men, though unable to correct the manners, at least to mitigate the punishments. There was no danger for Sodom till Lot went out of it, and since the point of honour obliges men to hazard their life for their country there must be yet a stricter law to make them preserve it for the same cause; do not therefore flatter yourself into a despair of amendment, which will bring you to neglect the means. If this air were not more hurtful than our physicians can be profitable, I would counsel you to follow your first desire, but now methinks France should be the better place for your health. I have not spoken all this while of our own interest in your conservation lest you should believe we were not yet satisfied with the good we have received, and would disturb you as Saul did Samuel in your very grave, but I assure you we are all loth to lose so generous a friend, and would purchase his continuance at any rate; my own sickness hindered me three weeks from telling you this truth, and desiring the perseverance of your friendship. [*Two seals with monogram. 1 p. In Holland Correspondence.*]

June 6. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Earl of Manchester's letter of the 1st inst. be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Pierpont respectively. 2. Memorandum that Mr. Richardson, the Waggon-Master, do attend this Committee. Afternoon.—Ordered, 3. That James Houblan, merchant, who has the custody of arms, ammunition, and other provisions made for the armies in Ireland now lying in the stores in Bucklersbury and Smart's quay in London, do deliver the same to the Committee of Citizens Adventurers for lands in Ireland, or such as they shall employ, which stores are presently to be sent for Ireland according to the former orders of this Committee, notwithstanding any former or other order of any other Committee to the contrary. 4. That the two letters of Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg of the 4th inst. be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Solicitor respectively, and the Earl of Manchester's letter of the 1st inst. to the House of Lords. 5. A letter to be sent to Mr. Crew, desiring his return. 6. Some of the Committee of the Militia to be desired to come and speak with this Committee about employing Col. Underwood's troop upon present service. 7. A letter to be written to the Lord General that the House of Commons, being informed that Oxford is in great

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want of victuals and firing, has referred the matter to this Committee to hinder supplies to come to them. That this Committee is endeavouring to send some horse for that purpose, but because such provisions usually take more time than the business will permit the Committee refer it to his Lordship's consideration to send such a proportion of horse as, pursuing the enemy, he can spare. 8. To desire Mr. [Anthony] Nicholls to prepare to go with the Committee to the Common Council to make a relation of the state of affairs in the army. 9. That it be reported to the House by Mr. Solicitor, as a proposition to be made to the Common Council of the City, that the blocking up of Oxford and securing of the country from the incursions of the enemy there is a work of very great consequence. 10. That the Common Council be desired to appoint a Committee to join with a Committee of the House to consider what proportion of forces is fit to be employed in that service, and of the ways and means for enabling these forces to put the same in execution. 11. To write to the Committee of Kent, informing them that the King lay at Burford on Tuesday night, and that the Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller are in pursuit of the forces that are with him, and to desire them to send a troop of horse and 100 dragoons for the blocking up of Oxford. 12. That the estimate of powder, match, shot, &c., for the train of artillery for the Lord General's army, be reported to the House to-morrow by Mr. Pierrepont. 13. That it be returned in answer to the two members of the Militia attending without, that this Committee sent for them to be informed concerning the state of Col. Underwood's troop, and that the Committee respite their desires herein till the Committee of the House of Commons meet to-morrow at the Common Council. 14. Letters to be sent to the Committee of both kingdoms [at York], the Earl of Manchester and Lord Fairfax, imparting to them the news of the King being at Burford last Tuesday night, that Sir W. Waller was in pursuit, and where the Lord General's forces are. A letter also to be written to the Lord General, the Earl of Essex. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 89, 90, *and* 1 *E., pp.* 11, 12.]

June 6. Chipping Norton. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. The relief of Lyme [Regis] which you so earnestly recommended to me has taken up the best of my care and endeavours to fulfil, which, next to fighting with the King's army I suppose to be of most instant concernment. The King is now fled, rather than gone, with an army, having left his many and weighty carriages at Oxford; and [his force] is so much made up of light horsemen, that an army with carriages must come much behind him. I have therefore applied myself to the relief of Lyme, which, seeing you so recommended it to me, I durst not undertake with less than my [whole] army; and in case the King should not with his army go westward, your wisdom and care will provide for what may tend to the safety of these parts. My desires being only to the best of my understanding to approve myself for the

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advancement of the public service. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 20, 21. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex]. The House of Commons has been informed that Oxford is at this present in great want of victuals and firing, and the House has referred it to us to take the best course we can to hinder supplies from coming in. We are endeavouring speedily to provide horse to prevent the 300 horse left at Oxford from driving the country and supplying that city. But because such provisions usually take up more time than this business will permit we refer it to your most serious consideration to send such proportion of horse for this service as pursuing the enemy you can spare until others from us shall come. You well know the great consequence of taking or blocking up Oxford, to the effecting whereof we hope speedily to send foot also, of which ere long you will receive further account from us. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Newman, 5 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 118, 119. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms with the Scottish army. We thought fit to impart to you shortly the occurrences of these parts. On Monday night last the King went from Oxford in some distraction towards Burford with 3,000 horse, each with a musketeer behind him, 8 pieces of cannon, and 30 coaches, but small quantity of baggage. Sir Wm. Waller following came on Tuesday night to Witney, by reason of which nearness the King tarried not at Burford but went away that night. It was said that messengers were sent to Cirencester to take up lodgings [for the King]; his pikes all left at Oxford. The garrison left at Oxford is 1,500 soldiers, a regiment of scholars, and one of townsmen, besides about 300 horse. The Lord General was at Chipping Norton on Tuesday night, and resolved to send his horse to Sir Wm. Waller to pursue the enemy and himself to follow with the foot. This is all at present with which you will be troubled from this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hutchins, post-master, to Hull, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 119. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 6. The like letter to Edw. Earl of Manchester. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 6. The like to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee in Kent. We have received intelligence from the Lord General that the King has left Oxford and was on Tuesday at night at Burford with about 3,000 foot and 3,000 horse. Sir Wm. Waller was then within three or four miles of him and the Lord General at Chipping Norton. A great opportunity is now offered of ending these troubles, and in the meantime of reducing those inland parts in the heart of the kingdom to the obedience of the Parliament; to effect which the present blocking up of Oxford is very necessary, and the House [of Commons] have appointed for that purpose diverse forces, among which

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is a troop of horse and 100 dragoons of your county, as you will hear from Sir Henry Heyman, who by order of the House is to write to you concerning it. We therefore commend it to your especial care that one troop of horse and 100 dragoons of those that lie most convenient for this service be with all expedition prepared to march as they shall receive direction from us for their rendezvous. These troops shall be received into the State's pay so soon as they shall march out of your county. We have had so great experience of your readiness at all times that we rest assured you will not be wanting to this which is so necessary and like to be so useful. Signed as above, and sent by Sir Henry Heyman, 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 120. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 6. Derby House. The same to Mr. Crew. Upon consideration of Mr. Nicholl's relation, who this morning came back to us from the army, this Committee seeing no cause of your further following his Excellency [the Lord General] has thought necessary to desire you to hasten your return hither, which expecting and wishing prosperous we remain. Signed as above, and sent by Binding, 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 121. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 7. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That two messengers are to be employed to each army, viz., of the Lord General and Sir W. Waller, to inform this Committee of the state of affairs there. 2. To write to Sir W. Waller that the Committee have sent the messenger Jennings to be fully informed of the state of the army and of the enemy's and all other occurrences. To make use of his cipher, and to impart to the bearer what circumstances he shall think fit. 3. A letter to be written to Capt. Purbeck Temple to have his troop ready, and to march to Aylesbury to receive further orders. 4. That the Committee of Examinations be desired to report to the House the letters sent them from the Earl of Denbigh concerning Mons. La Playne, a French Colonel. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 90, 91, *and* 1 *E.*, *p.* 12.]

June 7. Stow-on-the-Wold. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. In yours of the 31st May you represent the necessity of Col. Norton staying in Hants for the preservation of those parts. I shall most willingly in that or anything else obey your orders, and with those forces I have, labour to do you the best service I can. I am marching with a party of horse and dragoons to Sudeley Castle to meet with Col. Massie, whither I have appointed the rest of the army to follow me to-morrow. The taking in of that place will be a great settlement to this country and enable me to recruit my regiments; but I am resolved to lose no time about it. I cannot but esteem myself very much bound to your Lordships that you are pleased to take the wants of this poor army into consideration. A month's pay would be a great encouragement to them, and I hope they will deserve it. There is 1,000*l.* disbursed by me out of the Western

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money for the service of the train [of artillery] which was promised by the four Associated counties to be repaid within 10 days after my coming away. I desire that Association may be reminded of it from you, and that the money may be forthwith paid to Mr. Trenchard. My present haste will permit me no more. P.S.—I cannot but certify the loss I am likely to sustain in those five troops which I should receive from the Lord General in exchange for the 5 troops of Col. Harvey's regiment. I was promised that they should be made up to the same number, but they are only 230, which is just half the number of that regiment, besides I was to have by consent Col. Washbourne's troop, and Harvey detains that. I humbly beg favour to be righted in it. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 21. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 7 Stow-on-the-Wold. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the same. On the morning of the 6th instant we attended the Lord General, who staid for the night at Chipping Norton, and the next day marched back to Burford. His resolution is for relieving Lyme Regis and the west. Being thus put out of our way, and his Excellency commanding that an eye should be had which way the King takes, we resolve to follow the King wherever an army can march. Our reasons are, we believe the war can never end if the King be in any part of the land and not at the Parliament, for break his army never so often his person will raise another; all the [hi]stories of England, and our experience at Shrewsbury, will manifest that sufficiently. And the King has no other hope but that delay in time may bring changes, and we know there is a season which, when God offers, wisdom embraces. If he go to Prince Rupert, by the blessing of God and the assistance of the country's forces, we may take him [the King] out of his armies. But if you conceive this not to be the best course we readily submit to be directed as you please; fear not our breaking with any Association upon points of honour. We know that if the King go northward our commissions fail; yet, for the public good, we will leave it to the Parliament that seldom wants mercy. We fear lest this army consisting of several forces, City, Association, and Waller's, they should not be paid, and so for want dissolve. We hope the several powers will consent and open their purses as well to this as the Western design. We beseech you to move the [Commons'] House and to give us satisfaction in this point. The party of horse mentioned in our other letter went within a mile of Eversham [Evesham] and took a lieutenant, 3 cornets, and about 60 prisoners. The King's foot got to Evesham upon Wednesday by three of the clock in the afternoon. Our horse are much beaten out with their march, and so are our foot, the weather proving extremely bad; we intended this night to have gone to Sudeley Castle, but we doubt the rain will hinder it. Our soldiers plunder malignants, do what we can, and embezzle their goods; there is no way to prevent it unless a Committee be appointed in the army that may seize their goods for the public and be liable to account. We have sent up some names, and if the Houses please to grant an ordinance much may be saved that

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otherwise will be lost. We know this is a ticklish point, only these counties are out of the Parliament's power, and we take it, the like was granted to his Excellency the Lord General. The truth is nothing troubles us more than to see the kingdom's wealth thus misspent, if it be thought fit to grant any such power we desire it may be despatched, for we find the City gentlemen tender in acting without an ordinance. [*Ibid., pp.* 21–23. *Copy.* 2¼ *pp.*]

June 7. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Stapley. Particulars relative to the King's leaving Oxford as given in the above letter of the 6th inst. to the Committee in Kent [*see p.* 212]. The present blocking up of Oxford is very necessary, and the House [of Commons] has appointed for that purpose diverse forces, including the troop of horse which was Capt. Higgon's, over which you are to appoint a captain to command them. We commend to your special care to have them ready to march and to be at the rendezvous at Henley-on-Thames with all expedition, where they shall receive further order. We desire you to bestow all diligence and care herein, as we conceive it to be of great use. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Andrew Durand. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 121, 122. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

June 7. The like to Col. Morley, for all his horse to Henley. Sent by the same messenger. [*Ibid., p.* 122. *Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 7. A letter of the same tenor to Col. Purefoy, for all his regiment to Aylesbury. Sent by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 7. The like to Major Bridges, for what he can spare to Aylesbury Sent by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 7. The like to Capt. Aiscough for his troop to Henley. Sent by Bulmer. *Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 7. Derby House. The same to Capt. Bird. This Committee having a design of special concernment in which they intend to employ your troop, they desire you to repair to Derby House that they may speak with you about the state of the troop. In the meantime you are to put them in as much readiness as you can. There will be some arms provided for them, of which you shall understand more when you come here. Sent by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid., p.* 122. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 7. The same to Capt. Purbeck Temple. This Committee having a design of special concernment have resolved to employ your troop therein. You are to march with your troop presently to Aylesbury, where you will receive further order. Delivered by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid. Minute.* 3 *lines.*]

June 7. The like letter to Capt. Greenvile at Aylesbury. To have his troop ready there as the place appointed for the rendezvous of other forces. Sent by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 7. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have sent this bearer, Mr. Jennings, to be fully informed of the state of your army, and of

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the enemy's armies, and of all other occurrences in those parts. You have a cipher, and this messenger may be trusted to relate to us what circumstances you think fit. Sent by Mr. Jennings, 5 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 123.]

June 8. 7. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons. For associating the counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan for the mutual defence and safety of each other, and for suppressing this present rebellion against the King and Parliament. Also authorising a Committee to put in execution the ordinances for sequestration of malignants' and Papists' estates, and weekly assessments. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.,* 585. *Pamphlet.* 6 *pp.*]

June 8. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That John Arnold be admitted a messenger to attend this Committee. 2. That Mr. Recorder do remind the House to take care for the maintenance of the garrison at Aylesbury, and in particular of the ordinance for that purpose, and to provide for it ten barrels of powder with match and bullet, also 100 pikes, 400 swords with belts, 150 gunsticks, and 150 bandaliers for Boarstall House. 3. That the Committee at Grocers' Hall show cause to this Committee why Lord Foliot should not have the eleven barrels of powder, expressed in the petition, delivered to him. 4. Mr. Wm. Gilbert to be summoned to attend this Committee on Monday afternoon. 5. That a messenger be sent for Ralph Hardwick to bring him to this Committee at the same time, and that a warrant be signed for that purpose. 6. That 10*l.* be delivered by Mr. Frost to Mr. Price for defraying the expenses of his journey to the Lord General's army. 7. That Mr. Browne do report to the House the letter from the Committee of Kent of the 7th inst. 8. A letter to be written to the Lord General intimating that this Committee has sent a messenger to be informed of the state of his affairs and designs, and for his opinion of the enemy's, as the Committee is very much in the dark for want of intelligence, and therefore to desire his Lordship to send daily advertisements, and that he may commit the relation of circumstances [to the bearer]. 9. Mem. to send to the Committee of Militia to be informed if they have any engineer to send to Boarstall House and advise concerning the fortification thereof. 10. That letters of credence for Mr. Price be sent to Lord Robartes, Sir Philip Stapleton, General-Major Skipper, and the Commissioners. 11. To write to the Committee at Cambridge to use care, as formerly, for pay of the two companies of the Hertfordshire regiment, which have marched from Aylesbury to Boarstall. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 91, 92, *and* 1 *E., pp.* 12–14.]

June 8. The Leaguer before York. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. Yours of the 3rd inst. I communicated to the [Earl of Leven,] General of Scotch army, and to Lord Fairfax, who will certify you of the state of affairs here. They consider this place [York] as of

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such consequence to the quiet of these parts that they consider themselves, both in duty to the public and regard to their own honours, engaged to bring it to some issue, before they attempt any other design. I trust the Lord will give us a speedy end of our endeavours here, and then we shall be ready for any service you may command. We are on all sides very near the town walls, and I hope within a few hours Sir James Lumsden and myself will have our mines ready, if not hindered by the tempestuous rainy weather. I assure you there will be no neglect in expediting this business. I hope you will not have cause to apprehend Prince Rupert's strength, for excepting plundering, at which his army is expert, no considerable places have been taken possession of by his army, the intelligence we daily receive assures us so. According to your command I shall, on all occasions, consult with the Scotts' General [Leven] and Lord Fairfax, and in all things express my readiness to obey your commands. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 23, 24. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex]. We have sent this special messenger to you, by whom we desire to be informed of the condition of your affairs and what your designs for the present are, as also your opinion of the designs of the enemies. We are very much in the dark by want of intelligence, and therefore desire to have daily advertisements from you. You may rely on the discretion and fidelity of this messenger. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Price. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 123. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 8. Derby House. The same to John Lord Robartes. We desire to be informed of the whole posture of your affairs, which you may entrust to this special messenger, of whose discretion and fidelity we have had good experience. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.* *Copy*=⅓ *p.*]

June 9. Kennington. 8. John Player [minister of Kennington] to Mr. Richard Culmer. Illness has prevented him from appearing according to his warrant in the House of Peers to attend the trial of Archbishop Laud. It troubles him that any absent themselves to the hindrance of the public service, but much more that he himself, who is willing to devote himself to the public cause, is detained from doing his duty. If the trial is put off and God gives him health, he will present himself to do his utmost for the advancement of justice. P.S.—Has enclosed his testimony. [1 *p.*]

June 9. Leicester. Lord Thos. Grey to the Committee of both kingdoms. I wrote not my last letter with my own hand, being so weary after my march. I have driven all those plundering rogues [of Royalists], who were fortifying Sir John Thimbleby's house near Grimsthorpe in Lincolnshire, home into their own quarters betwixt Newark and Beaver [Belvoir Castle]. Before I came within 6 miles of them they marched and left their works. I sent to inquire of Sir John Gell and Col. Hutchinson what strength they are able to draw into the field; the former can march 500 horse and dragoons and 300

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[June 9.] [The Lord General Essex] to the same. Understanding that my letters of the 6th inst. have been intercepted, I write the same again [*see p.* 211]. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 25. *Minute.* ¼ *p.*]

June 10. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letters read, approving Col. Morley's of 9th June, that 500 foot of his are now at Fernham [Farnham], be sent to him. 2. To write to Col. Norton assuring him that the forces of Hampshire sent to his assistance shall not be called away but upon great necessity, and another letter to Sir Wm. Waller giving him notice hereof. 3. That a letter of thanks be returned to the Committee of Kent in answer to theirs. 4. That the letter from the Governor of Lyme Regis of the 3rd inst. be reported to the House by Mr. Browne. 5. That it be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Browne respectively that the state of the armies is in such a posture as we conceive it necessary to acquaint them with it for their further advice to be had thereupon, and in respect that the business requires speed we leave it to the pleasure of the Houses to have a report made thereof this afternoon, or to appoint it for to-morrow morning. And that Mr. Solicitor do report that the business for Lyme Regis will fall into consideration upon report made of the state of the armies. 6. That the letters, a catalogue whereof has now been read, shall be reported to both Houses by the sub-committee appointed for that purpose, or so many of them or so much of any of them as they shall think fit. The sub-committee to consist of Northumberland, Say, Wharton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Pierpont. 7. That the paper presented by the Scottish Commissioners be reported to the House by Mr. Browne. Afternoon.—Ordered, 8. That a letter of thanks be written to the Lord Admiral for the supplies sent by his Lordship for the relief of Lyme, and to desire him to give all encouragement he can unto them till their land succours arrive. 9. That letters be written to

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the Committee in the army at York, to the Earl of Manchester, and to Lord Fairfax, giving them the state of the King's army. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 93, 94, *and* 1 *E.*, *pp.* 15, 16.]

June 10. Teddington. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 5th inst., and shall most willingly recall my commission formerly granted to Col. Apsley, the rather because I would not have anything to do with the gentlemen of Sussex, from whom I have received nothing but constant incivilities. Before my going from Farnham I received a letter from them representing this business as a burden to that county, to which I replied that I had granted Col. Apsley a commission to raise a regiment of foot, and that if they would come into the field I would take them on upon service, having an unlimited commission for the western service to raise what forces I should think fit, but if they would not engage in that way, it was never my intention to make it a charge upon the country, and therefore the regiment would fall of itself. I thought this reason might have given them satisfaction, but it seems nothing can do that. I will now give your Lordships a short account of my time since my last. On Thursday I parted from the Lord General in obedience to his commands, he resolving to undertake the service in the west. The next day was so foul that the foot and artillery could not march, whereupon leaving them with two regiments of horse and my dragoons, I marched to Sudeley Castle in some hope it might yield upon summons, but the enemy seeing no foot looked upon it as a bravado and let fly great and small shot roundly amongst us, whereupon I sent order to the army to advance to me the next day. That night the enemy burnt some houses and the stables belonging to the castle, but had not time to slight the hedges about it, so that we lodged our dragoons within little more than pistol shot of their works, and laid all the passages with our horse. The next morning early the enemy fell out with some horse, but were quickly beaten in by our dragoons. About noon the body of our army appeared upon the top of the hills, whereupon they craved a parley by a drum and sent out Lieut.-Col. Sayer and Major Aldam to treat, who stood upon points of honour, that they should be allowed to march out with their full arms and be conveyed to Worcester, or have my parole for their safety thither; but that being refused and assurance given they should have no other conditions from me but fair quarter, they parted with a resolution to hold it out to the last man, and upon their return in a bravery gave us a volley of shot. They were immediately answered with interest, and in a short time we possessed the barn which was within a stone's cast of their works. Our men were drawn up in preparation to give a general assault, and diverse of our horsemen, without orders, rode up to their very works and discharged their pistols at them. Night coming on we deferred the assault till the next morning, but about an hour within night their drum beat a parley again and brought a letter from the Governor, Sir Wm. Morton, and [his] officers, signifying that they yielded upon my own conditions, but desired they might be used like gentlemen I

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assured them they should receive no other entertainment, and sent for the Governor to come out to me, which he did, and the next morning I took possession of the place. We took one colonel, one lieut.-col., 2 majors, 5 captains, 7 lieutenants, 2 cornets, 4 ensigns, 300 soldiers, 2 pieces of ordnance, one a demi-culverin, the other a drake, 5½ barrels of gunpowder, 1 cwt. of match, with a good proportion of shot. I am this day marching to Eversham [Evesham]. The King is at Worcester, where, God willing, I resolve to wait upon him. The Lord of Heaven direct your counsels. [*Interregnum*, 16 *E.*, *pp.* 25–27. *Copy*=2 *pp.*]

June 10. Evesham. The same to the same. I had no sooner given order for despatching away of this enclosed but I received yours of the 7th present. I arrived this night at Eversham [Evesham], and intend to advance to-morrow towards his Majesty, who I hear is at Worcester and in a condition distracted enough. I hear of no forces yet having joined him, only about Brecknock a levy is in making by Charles Gerard. At Worcester his Majesty has given order for the reparation of the works, and warned the inhabitants of the North Street to bring all their goods into the town, with an intimation that he means to burn down those houses. The truth of all this I shall know within a few hours. We are all well here, and the soldiers most willingly go on, only the Western men are much dejected to see me diverted this way, and truly I believe it will cause the breaking up of Col. Sydenham's regiment, many of the soldiers having already run away, and more likely to follow. I shall most gladly pursue this employment, but desire to be armed with instructions as the Lord General is. Also that directions be given to the forces that lie this way to piece with me, which would facilitate this great work very much, but with what forces I have I will do what I can. The Lord give his blessing to all our endeavours. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 27, 28. *Copy*=¾ *p.*]

June 10. Lambourn, upon my march. The Lord General Essex to the same. By all informations the city of Oxford was in great want of victuals, and might easily have been reduced if the present necessity of following the King's flying army and relieving the west could have spared my army and Waller's forces, but by reason of the rivers a less force could not have performed this service, but would have left some side open for victuals to have come in. You will understand by Sir Arthur Haselrigg that all the King's foot he had left went to Herefordshire, which in all likelihood is for Bristol. For raising of horse I believe Capt. Grenville with a little encouragement will be able to make up his and Capt. Tyrrell's troops into a regiment, to be employed as you please, but for the present I cannot spare any from my army till I see what force is like to be raised by the enemy in the west. The packet for the Prince Elector [Palatine] I have sent according to your order to Oxford. Concerning the Northampton forces I do not know how they may return but with much danger, and I desire you to consider that when I departed [out of] the City I was promised Lord Grey's regiment of horse and Col. Purefoy's,

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which last I was content to spare for Gloucester, but since he is returned home your Lordships might employ him either about Oxford, Northampton, or elsewhere, and for the Northampton troops, although they may be civil men and pass upon their duty, yet if you recall them, upon notice thereof, I shall discharge them. Concerning the King's drawing towards Northampton, there is little danger of that, seeing they are gone quite another way. Whereas you intended sending ammunition to Aylesbury, I now desire that the ammunition and money, of which I have much need, may be sent to Southampton, whence by the help of Col. Norton it may be safely conveyed to me, which I earnestly desire to have suddenly come. [*Ibid., pp.* 28, 29. *Copy*=1¼ *p.*]

June 10. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Colonel Morley. We have received yours of the 9th instant, of the contents of which we approve, and desire you to go on in the execution thereof till you receive our further order. Sent by Col. Morley's servant. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 124. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 10. Derby House. The same to the [Earl of Warwick] Lord Admiral. Have received his letters notifying the relief of that poor distressed but well deserving town, Lyme [Regis], with men and victuals. By this assistance we hope that town will be preserved till their land succours arrive, which are expected in time, not only to save it, but to reduce the west. The thankful acceptance this service of yours finds at this Committee induces us to request you to give these men still all the encouragement you can as to men who have so well deserved relief by their valiant defending themselves, whereof you are an eyewitness. Sent by John Priestley, to be forwarded by Mr. Coytmore, 10 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 10. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. This Committee are given to understand that the inhabitants of Hants would cheerfully advance supplies and assist in person the design entrusted to Col. Norton, if they could be assured that the regiment of horse under his command and the other forces coming to his present assistance may not be drawn out of their counties, but continued there for their protection until that county be fully reduced. We have, therefore, promised the gentlemen of Hants that those forces shall not be called away but with their consent, which we thought fit to signify to you. Signed by William Viscount Say and Sele and John Lord Maitland, and sent by John Priestley the 11th inst. [*Ibid., p.* 125. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 10. Derby House. The same to Col. Norton. To the same effect as the preceding. We have thought fit, taking the importance of this service into consideration, to assure you and the inhabitants of Hants that we will not call away those forces without exceeding great and emergent necessity. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Wallop's care.

June 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. It has been your happiness so timely and seasonably to apprehend aright the public interest

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and your prudence to judge your own involved in it. Your effectual acting upon all occasions according to such a judgment has not only hitherto maintained you quiet within yourselves, but contributed much toward obtaining the like for others, who by an equal obligation were bound to have done as much for themselves and you, who had they done [so] and showed a like fruit of such ready and well guided affections, we had before this time seen an end of that misery which yet continues. We are very sensible of your charge, and shall with very much tenderness be careful of imposing too heavy burdens upon the willing bearer. The people, perhaps, may groan under the burden, but those cry out louder who are within the limits of the enemy's quarters or within the march of our own. We doubt not but your wisdoms will easily instruct them of the great difference between the expense of a proportionable, though considerable, part imposed by yourselves for the defence of all and the plunder of all at once by a barbarous savage soldier. For their pay we shall endeavour their satisfaction, and hope the soldiers will have such a tincture from the spirit of those who set them out that a small matter shall not discourage them. The greater difficulties you overcome, the higher you will raise your example, which we wish that all men knew and that many would follow it. We doubt not at all of your readiness with the first, and we desire you not to doubt that this your readiness to comply with our desires for the common interest shall produce any other effect than what such an ingenuous merit may justly expect from this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by the care of Sir Thomas Walsingham. [*Ibid., pp.* 126, 127. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

June 11. 9. Order of the Parliament empowering Col. John Fox to hold Edgbaston Hall in co. Warwick, being the mansion of Richard Middlemore, Esq., a delinquent and Papist, but which Col. Fox having possessed himself of with great courage has fortified and garrisoned with 400 horse and foot. In consideration of the premises Col. Fox is hereby empowered to hold and enjoy the mansion house and manor of Edgbaston, together with the rents and revenues payable to Richard Middlemore in the parishes of Kings Norton, Yardley, and Northfield, in co. Worcester, upon account towards the maintenance of the garrison. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 11. 10. Warrant at the Committee for Safety of the kingdom to Sir Walter Erle and the rest of the Officers of Ordnance. In pursuance of an order of the Commons of 3rd June you are hereby required to deliver to Bernard Emott 200 barrels of powder with match and bullet to be conveyed to Hull for the use of the Northern armies. [*Copy.* ½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

10. 1. *Acknowledgment by Emott of the receipt of* 10 *tons of match and* 10 *tons of bullets from Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance, to be carried to Hull.* [½ *p.*] 22*nd June* 1644.

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June 11. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to Sir Richard Onslow to appoint him to draw out his forces towards Basing for the assistance of the forces with Col. Norton. 2. That a sub-committee be appointed to draft a letter to be sent to the Lord General to let him know that this Committee conceives Sir W. Waller's forces enough for the west. Also to desire his Lordship to stay where these letters shall find him, and to send a sufficient party of horse to relieve Lyme Regis; to enclose the votes of the House [of Commons], and to desire him to put them forthwith in execution. The sub-committee to consist of Mr. Pierpont and Mr. Solicitor [St. John]. 3. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller to march into the west, and to let him know that we have written to his Excellency [the Lord General, Essex] to relieve Lyme Regis. 4. That it be reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Crew that a warrant has been issued by the Committee for Irish Affairs taking notice of a warrant of this Committee for delivering certain goods to the Committee of Citizens Adventurers for lands in Ireland, which goods were formerly provided to be sent thither, in order that the Committee of Adventurers might send them, and that the said warrant of this Committee has been contradicted by the first-named warrant. 5. That Mr. Solicitor do report to the House the two letters sent from this Committee to the Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 94, *and* 1 *E.*, *pp.* 16, 17.]

June 11. Leaguer before York. Earl of Leven, General of the Scotts' army, to the Committee of both kingdoms. The Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax, and myself, with the Committee here, have had a meeting with Sir Henry Vane concerning the desires expressed in your last letters, and finding that the businesses do still remain in the same posture as they were when your former letters came, we have thought fit that nothing be altered in our first resolutions, but to do our best for the hasty gaining of this city [York], and thereafter to give you all possible satisfaction which shall be our earnest endeavours. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 29. *Copy* ½ *p.*]

June 11. Leaguer before York. Sir Henry Vane, junr., to the same. Owing to the bad weather and other difficulties it was the Lord's Day at night before I reached the leaguer. I have since delivered your letters and communicated your desires concerning the relief of Lancashire according to my instructions. I had yesterday a very long and serious debate before the three Generals and chief officers of the army, and likewise at the Committee of both kingdoms [here], but no certain resolution was taken concerning the same. In regard the siege before York has no foot to spare, and there being good hopes of gaining that city suddenly either by force or treaty, it would not be advisable to give any interruption thereto for the present. Their horse too are not sufficiently numerous to divide in such manner

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as to continue the siege and to fight with Prince Rupert in Lancashire if he abide their coming. They hold it necessary, until they see the issue of the siege of York, which they expect within very few days, to keep their horse together and not separate them very far from their foot, especially considering the report that the King is drawing towards Prince Rupert, and what their designs may be they cannot at present judge; however, they resolve to be in readiness for relief of Lancashire upon the first opportunity, and expect every day that something or other may fall out which will facilitate those intentions. In the meantime they doubt not but Manchester and Warrington will hold out, and consider that the greatest mischief that can befall that county will not be so great as the loss of York or hazard of these armies in making a premature attempt for its relief. This I found to be the general sense notwithstanding Cols. Ashton and Rigby joined me in pressing compliance with your Lordships' desires. The truth is I could not satisfy my own judgment that anything considerable could be done for Lancashire by these forces until the business of York were decided. It appears to me very evident that if Manchester had not brought up his foot to the siege the business would have been very dilatory, whereas the siege is now made very strait about the city, the Earl's forces lying on the north side, where they have advanced very near to the walls, and are busy in a mine of which we expect a speedy account, if by a treaty we be not prevented. The Scotch forces under Sir James Lumsdale's [Lumsden's] command united with those of Lord Fairfax, possess the suburbs at the east side and are within pistol shot and less of Walmgate. The Scots hold that fort on the south side, which they very gallantly took in on Thursday last, and are very busy in their approaches on that side. Yesterday 200 horse attempted an escape or intended a sally on the north side, but were speedily beaten back again, and 80 at the same time came out on the south-west toward Acham [Acklam] with the like [ill] success. On the 9th inst. the Earl of Newcastle sent letters to the Earl of Leven and Lord Fairfax for a parley, not taking notice of the Earl of Manchester being there, but in that respect the treaty was refused and notice sent to Newcastle that unless he directed his letters to all three Generals he could have no answer, whereupon letters were sent to all three Generals, and a civil excuse by Newcastle for the omission in regard, as he pretended, he did not know the Earl of Manchester in person had been there. This being done a treaty was agreed to, and two Commissioners from each of the three armies appointed, with the place for meeting; an answer was expected yesterday but came not. For the Scots were appointed Commissioners the Earl of Lindsay and Lieut.-Gen. Bagliff [Baillie], for the Earl of Manchester his Lieut.-Gen. of Ordnance Hammond and Col. [John] Russell, for Lord Fairfax Sir Wm. Fairfax and Mr. White. Out of Lancashire we hear that Major Vicarman [Vickerman], appointed to go to Sir John Meldrum, would needs venture out of Manchester with 500 men to intercept a convoy, and was himself taken with 40 or 50 of his men. Prince Rupert

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has assaulted Liverpool and been beaten off three or four times, but he is like to carry it hereafter, if not prevented. Upon consideration of the state of the northern counties, and how four of them are yet too much under the enemy's power, and Yorkshire not yet cleared from many garrisons, even admitting the city of York should be taken, we find it impossible that the forces here can be maintained and provided for according as it is necessary. And therefore the English Commissioners here and myself have represented to the House of Commons the necessity of adding Lancashire and Derbyshire to the rest of the northern counties expressed in our instructions; and for the better carrying on the service do humbly conceive that the addition is very requisite of the Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax and his son [Sir Thos. Fairfax] to be Commissioners from both Houses to the Scots, with such others as shall be thought fit that have relation to these northern counties, which is so necessary to be done, and that with speed, that I have taken the boldness to recommend it to your Lordships to put the Houses in mind thereof, and cause the same with all expedition to be sent down, if the Houses shall approve thereof. I shall not fail to give you frequent advertisements from hence, and submit it to you how necessary it will be for these armies in these active times to hear frequently from you. P.S.—The passages concerning the parley between the Earl of Newcastle and the Generals here, will be best seen in the letters themselves, copies of which I send your Lordships, here enclosed. Since the writing of this I have received the enclosed from the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scots' army], and am promised the same from the Earls of Leven and Manchester and Lord Fairfax. [*Ibid., pp.* 30–33. *Copy*=2½ *pp.*]

June 11. Leaguer before York. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I have received your letter by Sir H. Vane, and am very glad that he will be an eye-witness of our proceedings here. There shall be nothing wanting in me to give relief to Lancashire, I will only say thus much in vindication of myself, for my coming hither, if I had not seen an absolute necessity conjoined with your frequent commands that I should unite my forces with the Scots, I might have lain myself open both to blame and punishment, but if you remain unsatisfied with me in this particular, I doubt not but when Sir H. Vane returns to give you such reasons as may continue me in your good opinions as having done that which might most conduce to the service of the public, in which I shall be very glad to employ my best endeavours. [*Ibid., p.* 33. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 11. Leaguer before York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the same. The proposition formerly made by your Lordships to his Excellency the Earl of Leven, the Earl of Manchester, and myself concerning the relief of Lancashire has been again renewed to me and the other Generals by Sir H. Vane and Mr. White, according to your further directions, which being by us seriously considered, we find our affairs in the same posture they were at our last writing to you, and the relief of those counties

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by this army, thought fit upon the same grounds and reasons formerly intimated to be awhile deferred. I assure you that neither time nor opportunity will be overslipped which may answer your expectation and desire for the good of that county [Lancashire] and of the kingdom in general. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 34. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 11. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Richard Onslow. We know you cannot but be sensible of the mischief that the garrison of Basing [House] has done to the country thereabouts, for the removal whereof divers forces have been appointed under Col. Norton. We desire you also to draw out thither your regiment of foot and troop of horse to join with Col. Norton for that service. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Sir Richard's servant, June 12. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 127. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 11. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. We herewith send you the resolutions of the House of Commons. In respect the House has declared "That it is most convenient for Sir Wm. Waller to go into the west," this Committee, taking into consideration the state of your and Sir William's armies and of the enemy's forces in the west, do consider that those forces of the enemy will in no ways require a greater strength than that of Waller's army, and therefore that it is needful for your army to be employed in other parts. But because Waller's forces are not yet come into the west, and the enemy may receive encouragement if you should instantly remove from those parts, we desire you to stay with the body of your army whereabouts this letter may find you till our next come to you. For your sending a considerable party of horse to raise the siege before Lyme [Regis], we hope that is already done. Yet because the letters from both Houses [of Parliament] sent yesterday [to speed away that party] may miscarry, we have herewith sent a copy of them, and you will see by the enclosed votes the opinion of the House [of Commons] for the necessity of speeding away that party. We earnestly desire of you that these orders may be put in execution forthwith, especially considering the very great deserts of that town and their extremities. We have also sent a copy of our letter to Sir W. Waller. Signed as above, and sent by John Craven, 10 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 127, 128. *Copy.* $1\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

June 11. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. The House of Commons think fit that you march with your army into the west; a copy of the order is here enclosed. A letter is sent from both Houses to his Excellency [the Lord General] for relieving of Lyme [Regis] with a considerable party of horse, and we doubt not that work will be done by him. We desire you to go speedily into the western parts which so much need you. We expect to hear from you as often as may be. We have herein sent copies of the letters from the Houses and from this Committee to his Excellency. Signed as above, and sent by John Priestley, 10 p.m. [*Ibid. p.* 129. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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June 12. 11. Order by the Committee of the Navy. That the collectors for prize goods appointed by Parliament do pay to Sir Henry Vane, junr., Treasurer of the Navy, 3,292*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d.* out of the money realized by sale of the prize goods lately taken and brought into Portsmouth, that the same may be delivered to the several persons who furnished the gunners' stores for the last year's fleet. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 12. 12. The like order for Sir Henry Vane to pay 3,292*l.* 7*s.* 8½*d.* to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance, for the uses aforesaid. [*Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 12. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Arthur Hazelrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter from Rutland having been read was voted to be reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Browne. 2. That the letter of Col. Stapeley be reported *ut supra.* 8. That a sub-committee be appointed to draft a letter to the Lord General, the sub-committee to consist of Mr. Pierpont, Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Crew. 4. That Mr. Crew make a request to the House for 30 barrels of powder to be sent to Aylesbury. 5. That Sir David Watkins and Mr. Alexander be desired to attend this Committee to-morrow, and bring the orders or ordinances of either or both Houses whereby the Committee of Citizens Adventurers of London have power to sit, and also whereby the Committee of the House of Commons for Irish Affairs hath power to sit. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 95, *and* 1 *E., p.* 17.]

June 12. Aboard "the James" in Lyme Road. Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committee for both kingdoms at Derby House. By my letters about the beginning of this month I gave you an account of the state of Lyme Regis, where relief has been diverse days longed for, but none yet heard of. The enemy continues his siege and brings his approaches daily nearer the town. Their [the defenders'] want of gunpowder, match, and bullet is great, and I can scarcely spare more out of the ships without too visible a prejudice to the service. There are many sick and wounded in the town, so that for their ease the seamen from the fleet are continued there They have had intimations of the coming of Col. Norton for their relief, and more recently of a good party from his Excellency [the Lord General], the failure whereof would too much discourage if not dishearten them, because instead of the siege being raised, they find the enemy daily furnished with new provisions and lately reinforced by 200 or 300 Irish [soldiers] from Wareham side. Yesterday the enemy fired into the town near 100 great pieces, laden with shanks of anchors, bars of iron, and red-hot shot, setting fire to diverse quarters of the town, but the fire was easily quenched and only three men hurt. To-day I sent letters to his Excellency both by way of Poole and Portsmouth to represent their state. I know your Lordships' noble care of them, which certainly cannot better appear at present than by giving order for speeding to them some forces by land and a supply

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of gunpowder, match, and bullet by sea. I shall yet continue here, though with no other ship than my Vice-Admiral, the rest of the ships of both our squadrons being either in the Irish seas, in the north to complete the guards, or at Weyme [Weymouth] road, where two are continually plying, or about Dartmouth and Axsam [Axmouth?], where two are likewise disposed, or for defence of Guernsey, or detained in the river [Thames] through want of means for their despatch, or in the Downes by special order to attend some convoys and services from thence, and some of the ships sent hence are less able for service, some of their men being necessarily left behind for assistance of Lyme [Regis]. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 34, 35. *Copy*=1⅓ *p.*]

June 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex] We herewith send copies of the Orders of the House of Commons and of your letters sent yesterday because those may miscarry. We desired you would stay where our letters should find you, till our next. We now herewith send further orders from the House of Commons, and thereupon desire that you will, with the residue of your forces not sent to Lyme [Regis], according to the letters from both Houses, march into Oxfordshire and the parts adjoining to straiten and block up Oxford as much as may be, and preserve the quarters enlarged that the taking of Oxford may be facilitated, or at least those parts made an unfit winter quarter for the enemy, and to do further, as upon the place, you shall find conducible to the public good. The raising of the siege before Lyme [Regis] by the party of horse according to the letters from both Houses and this Committee we again recommend to your especial care for the speedy execution thereof. We have advertisement that the enemy is gathering forces about Oxford, which are like to grow very considerable if not speedily prevented. We are preparing forces of horse and foot in these parts for Oxford, which we will by all endeavours hasten and give you speedy notice of our further proceedings therein. We desire to hear from you in answer to this and of our letters sent yesterday, and to have intelligence of your affairs. Our informations from Lancashire of the 8th inst. are that Prince Rupert with his forces is [gone] for Liverpool. We have received yours of the 10th from Lamborne [Lambourn in Berks.]. and will endeavour to hasten the supplies of money and ammunition to you. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Mr. Newman, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 129, 130. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

June 13. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, Wallop and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the extracts of letters from York be reported to the House by Mr. Solicitor, and that the Committee having taken into consideration the engagement of the forces before York and the reasons thereof expressed in the letter from the Earl of Leven, the Earl of Manchester, and Lord Fairfax, they do approve of their resolutions

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and leave it to the House to do therein as they shall think fit. 2. That a copy of the letter sent to the Lord General yesterday, and the letter from Sir Wm. Waller of the 10th inst. from Evesham, be reported to the House by Mr. Recorder. 3. That letters be written to the Earl of Denbigh to gather all his forces into a body, and to endeavour at least to hinder Prince Rupert's return out of Lancashire. Also to Sir W. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton to join with him all the force they can raise. To Lord Grey for 200 horse and 300 of the Leicester foot. To Col. Hutchinson for 200 horse and 300 foot. To Sir J. Gell for 500 horse and 500 foot. Afternoon.—Ordered, 4. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller in confirmation of the last, and to send the order of the House of Commons approving the aforesaid letter. 5. To be reported to the House of Lords by Lord Wharton that the members of both Houses of the Committee of both kingdoms do think it fit to forbear giving any account according to the order of the House of Lords of this 13th inst. until it shall be ordered by both Houses. 6. That a letter be written to Sir Hen. Vane, junr., to return against the day limited in his instructions. 7. That a sub-committee be appointed to examine the business touching an order of the Committee of the House of Commons for Irish Affairs in opposition to the orders of this Committee for the delivery of some goods and ammunition to the Committee of Citizen Adventurers at Grocers' Hall, and they are to make a report thereof within two days. Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Crew, and Barclay, or any two of them [to form this sub-committee]. 8. That Mr. Bulkley, a justice of peace in Clerkenwell, and Thomas Crouchly of George-yard, King-street, be summoned to attend this Committee to-morrow afternoon concerning the imprisonment of a servant alleged to belong to the Emperor's agent. 9. That the order of the House of Lords of the 13th inst., and that of the Committee in answer thereto, be both reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Solicitor. 16. That Sir John Clotworthy and the rest of the Committee of the House of Commons for Irish Affairs be desired to attend this Committee to-morrow afternoon. 11. That the business of Mr. Pennoyer be recommended to Mr. Strickland and Mr. Weckherline to write a letter to him for that purpose. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 95, 96, *and* 1 *E., pp.* 17–19.]

June 13. Leicester. Lord Thomas Grey to the Committee of both kingdoms. In my last I acquainted you that if the 300 foot belonging to Northampton which are in Newport were sent back, the former place would be able to furnish me with 500 foot; since that I understand from the Committee they are designed for Banbury, which is a very good work. Yesterday I received intelligence from the Governor of Tamworth that the Earl of Denbigh had received a blow, but since had the better in a skirmish, which induced me to send my own and Sir John Gell's regiments one day's march to assist him in his retreat, not suffering them to advance further till I had certain intelligence. I again renew my suit for the arms specified in my former letter, and desire that they may be sent speedily, for I am in great want of them. I pray you move the [Commons'] House that

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my Major Bingley may be despatched back to me either cleared [of the charges against him] or undergo such punishment as in their judgment shall be fitting, his business having been depending these four months, which has much weakened my regiment. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 36. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. We hope you have received ours of the 11th instant, yet lest it might miscarry we send here inclosed a copy of it, also copies of the Resolutions of the House of Commons [11th and 12th June] which were then enclosed. We desire you to follow the directions given in our letters. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Richard Gardner, 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 130. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 13. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scotch army. In ours of the 6th inst. we gave you an account of the King's going from Oxford to Burford, and, as we then understood, of his intentions for Cirencester, but since we know that he altered his course for Worcester. Sir Wm. Waller following him close he came to Evesholme [Evesham] with such of his army as could keep him company in that flying march, where by reason the bridge was broken down, the pursuers were hindered in the chase, it being impossible for an army to overtake those that rode upon the spur; they are now about Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire. The Lord General [Essex, marching westward] was at Faringdon on the 9th, and at Hungerford on the 10th. The 11th he came to Ramsbury [in Wilts]. The House [of Commons] has ordered that Sir Wm. Waller shall go into the west, and that the Lord General as being now nearest shall send a sufficient party of horse for relief of Lyme [Regis], and with the rest of his army return towards Oxford and parts adjacent to hinder the excursions of those garrisons and to block up that city in order to a closer siege, for which there are also diverse other forces directed to their several rendezvous. We have written to the Earl of Denbigh to gather all his forces into a body, march to Manchester, and join with those forces. We have also written to diverse forces nearest those parts to march to such rendezvous as he shall appoint. In that conjuncture they are to fight with Prince Rupert if they shall be able, or otherwise to secure the passes, and so wait upon his motions as to hinder his retreat out of that country, which if it shall be effectually done will either ruin or make useless his great recruits by which he has in that country swelled himself to such a threatening greatness. We have received the letter from the three Generals, and approve of your resolutions expressed therein. Signed as above, and sent by Andrew Durant, 6 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 131, 132. *Copy.* 1¼ *pp.*]

June 13. Similar letters were written to the Earl of Manchester and to Lord Fairfax, and sent by the same messenger. [*Ibid., p.* 132. *Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

June 13. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We hear daily of the sad condition of Lancashire and of the increase of Prince Rupert's forces

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there, who, according to our intelligence, is bending towards Liverpool, which if he shall take, would be of great use to them in order to their designs of Ireland. Col. Moore is in it with about 600 of his own men and 300 newly sent to him from Warrington. There are in Manchester 5,000 foot and 100 horse. The rest of their forces lie distant 10 or 12 miles asunder, and for want of horse cannot well be drawn together. We desire you to draw all your forces together into a body, and to march with them into Cheshire. You are to keep intelligence with those of Manchester, and join with them if possible, and being joined to fight with Prince Rupert, if you be able, else to secure the passes that he may not be able to retire thence into Cheshire and Shropshire to make a further spoil of those countries. We have written to Col. Hutchinson for 200 horse and 300 foot, and to Lord Grey for 200 horse at least and 300 of Leicester foot. Also to Sir John Gell for 500 horse and 500 foot. To Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton for all the strength they can make, to join with you in one body. Being divided into several small parties you will neither be able to preserve the country nor yet defend yourselves against the Prince, if he shall once retire out of that place, where-[as being united] it may perhaps be in your power to restrain his spoil of other places. If we have good success at York, of the state whereof you receive information by the enclosed, you may hinder his retreat from thence. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Ashurst's care. [*Ibid., pp.* 132, 133. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

June 13. Derby House. The same to Col. Hutchinson. The sad condition of Lancashire requires speedy succours. The growing army [of Prince Rupert] there, if not immediately opposed, may prove dangerous to these southern parts when he [the Prince] shall have wholly reduced that country and increased his army to the extent that the disaffection of that country may furnish. We have directed Lord Denbigh to gather all his forces into a body and march toward Manchester to join with those forces there. [They are then] to oppose them [the Royalists] as they shall be able, or at least to hinder his [the Prince's] retreat from thence, till, we having good success at York, he may be dealt withal by a greater force. We have written to divers forces to march to such rendezvous as Denbigh shall appoint, the better to enable him to [perform] that service. We require you to receive his orders for the rendezvous, and to march with all expedition for this service with 200 horse and 300 foot. We believe your own judgment will inform you that small divided parties can neither preserve your countries nor defend themselves. Such mistakes have hitherto been very prejudicial to the service, and we therefore require you forthwith to march to that body, whereby you will at once defend yourselves, preserve your country, and in that conjuncture we hope be enabled either to break or make useless that only considerable power of the enemy. We have given to the armies about York notice of these directions, and doubt not but, by a happy conjuncture and compliance of all, there may be a speedy end put to these troubles. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Fleetwood, 6 p.m. *Ibid., pp.* 133, 134. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

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June 13. Similar letter to Lord Grey for 200 horse. [*Ibid., p.* 134. *Minute.*]

June 13. The like to the Committee at Leicester for 300 foot. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 13. The like to Sir John Gell for 500 horse and 500 foot. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 13. The like to Sir. Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton for all the strength they can make. Sent by Mr. Ashurst's care, 8 p.m. [*Ibid. Minute. 4 lines.*]

June 14. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Frost is to endeavour to inform himself what the Customs of goods imported from Virginia and St. Christopher's do usually amount to every year, and report to this Committee. 2. That a letter be written to Mr. Strickland in the name of this Committee recommending the business of Mr. Pennoyer concerning his arms stayed in two ships at Rotterdam. 3. Understanding that the magazine of powder is very low, this Committee are of opinion it should be reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Recorder, and to desire the House to make a Committee with power to contract for powder, and to use all ways and means to supply the magazine. 4. That Mr. Wadsworth be sent for to attend to-morrow afternoon. [*Interregnum 7 E., p.* 97, *and 7 E., p.* 19.]

June 14. 10 a.m. Blandford. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. In yours of the 30th you desired me to send such a force to the west as might be able not only to relieve Lyme Regis but to recover the whole west again, by preventing the levies of men and money now raising by a new Association in those parts, and this as you then assured me was the request of the western gentlemen. For your satisfaction and theirs I resolved to march away with my whole army westward, a strength little enough in my judgment to effect what you desired, and I acquainted you with my resolution by my next letters in answer to yours. I conceived that you were not displeased with my march, because you were silent for eight days, which I took for approbation, but now having advanced as far as Blandford in Dorsetshire, you direct me to make a stand, and send away a considerable party of horse for the relief of Lyme Regis. Give me leave to believe that you are misinformed of late, or else I had not received such an unexpected countermand after my unwearied endeavours in pursuance of such instructions as I received from your own hands. For first, Lyme cannot be relieved by a party, and if it could, that party must principally consist of foot, for horse can do very little service in those narrow passages; yet, contrary to my own opinion and the judgment of the Council of War, I have sent some horse and such as are most likely to do service, but I do not understand how it is possible for my horse to break through Prince Maurice's

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army of horse and foot. Even if they could, and should succeed in joining with the men of Lyme in pursuit of Prince Maurice, I know not what my army should do without horse the whilst, or how the horse should ever return to my foot again, for if the enemy should break down a pass my horse are shut up for ever. I am commanded therefore by the discipline of war and rules of reason to march further with my foot, for fear my horse should receive a blow; I must not retreat, for then the enemy will be encouraged and strengthened; Sir Ralph Hopton will have time to raise men and money, and my foot, who have cheerfully undergone the hardships of this march for the recovery of the west, will be quite disheartened; if once we come to face about they will certainly be like a routed army, broken all to pieces, and melted away after they are broken. Moreover you are misinformed concerning the strength of the enemy, for there is a party of horse and foot gone to them with money from Salisbury within these two days, and they may draw out some [of the garrisons] from Weymouth, Bristol and other places, and make them dragooners, to cut us off in the straight passes, when they perceive we have sent none but horse; the enemy's strength of horse is far beyond that which you speak of, and we hear that Hopton marches towards them with some horse, and 2,000 foot, most of them newly raised. I shall not stand to dispute how well Sir William Waller is beloved in the west, you know something of Bristol and Plymouth; I am sure Lord Robartes is not hated here, he has your ordnance for Cornwall; he is the more deeply engaged because he has a considerable estate in those parts, and he is entrusted with a higher place in the army than the major of a brigade, he is cordially tender of the good of his country, and the western gentlemen understand their own interest so well that they will not be displeased with an army which adventures itself for their relief, without putting them to any extraordinary charge. If Sir Wm. Waller go thither he will indeed free them from paying contribution to the enemy, but will command them to pay contribution to himself, though I know he has received large sums already from the western gentlemen, for the paying of two or three regiments, which have done them but little service as yet, the other regiments under his conduct being paid by the City of London or the Associated counties. For my own part, I am resolved not to spoil the western counties because I go to relieve them, and that is, as I conceive, the way to reduce them. I respect not pay, but am ready to serve the State and the west though it cost me dear, yet I am confident they will not suffer us to perish in their service. Sir Wm. Waller is engaged to look to his Associated counties by ordinance of Parliament, and his faith passed to those distressed counties; now there are two considerable garrisons in those counties [viz., at] Basing and Winchester, which are not yet removed; he may do well to perform what he has already undertaken, before he undertake a new business. He was engaged in pursuit of the King's army, and his care for the present should be to hinder the levying of forces and raising of money in Worcestershire; if you think fit to call him off he will be sooner at

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Oxford than we can possibly be, and there he may help Major Browne to beleaguer Oxford; when that service is ended, Major Browne may requite him and help to clear Sir William's associated counties, for Oxford is in Sir Wm. Waller's direct way to Basing [House] and Winchester; pardon me, if I make bold to order and direct my own Major [Major-General], for in truth I do not see how Sir Wm. Waller can take care of all the countries along the seaside from Dover to St. Michael's Mount; he refused to protect a county or two, and said that was only to lie at receipt, and yet he thinks that service honourable enough for his General. If you think fit to set him at liberty and confine me, be pleased to make him General and me the Major[-General] of some brigade, that my soldiers may have free quarter, free plunder, and fair contributions besides, as his have without control. Finally, that army which has the greatest strength of foot will be most able to reduce the west, and I believe that I have the most resolute foot in Christendom; take heed how you disaffect them, for if you lose them, either by commanding me to lie still, or putting them upon ordinary services, which are below them, you will repent too late and I too soon. If you encourage me to advance further into the west, I hope in a reasonable time to relieve Lyme Regis and distress Weymouth, but if you call back Sir Wm. Waller from pursuing the King and stop me in my march to the west, we are like to lose the benefit of both armies this summer, because put upon cross services, which lie far out of our way, and are denied the benefit of these fair opportunities which God has put into our hands. Consider what I have said, and if by following your advice the west be not reduced, Hopton's army be recruited, and Lyme Regis lost, let not the blame be laid upon me. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 38-41. *Copy* = 3¾ *pp.*]

June 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Mr. Strickland. We have been informed by Richard Hill and W. Pennoyer that they have been engaged in buying arms for the service of the Parliament. These arms in the passage to Dunkirk were arrested by the agents of the King of England, and detained there by the space of 14 months, and there upon letters from hence to Don Francisco de Melos and the Lords of the Finances, they were set free. Afterwards these arms, having been shipped in English bottoms for transport to London, were by the Dutch Admiral Sr. Marten Harpenson Van Tromp taken and carried to Flushing, where they yet remain. These arms being provided for the Parliament are now wanted; you will therefore use all diligence with the States, the Prince of Orange, and the Court of Admiralty [in Holland], or where else there may be occasion, for the present release of the said ships and arms. Signed by Visct. Saye and Sele and J. Maitland, and delivered to Mr. Pennoyer. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 134, 135. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 15. 13. Certificate to the Committee of the Revenues. That King Charles, by letters patents under the Great Seal, dated 15 June 1637, granted to Jerome Earl of Portland the keepership of the new park in Richmond, Surrey, with the fee of 12*d.* per diem,

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besides wood, pasture for four horses, &c., for term of his life. *Underwritten,*

13. I. *Signed and sent to Mr. Cousens, 15th June* 1644. [*Draft.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 15. Bristol. The King's Commissioners for raising money in co. Gloucester to the High Constable of Grumbald's Ash hundred, co. Gloucester. By our late warrant for labourers to work in the garrison of Bristol there was no mention of wages, and by some ill-affected people a report was current that such labourers as come into the work should be pressed for soldiers. By direction of Lord Hopton we therefore require you to grant warrants to all your petty officers to bring into the garrison at Bristol, unto the Fort Royal, near Brandon Hill, threescore labourers out of your hundred next Tuesday by 7 o'clock in the morning, with good and serviceable spades and pickaxes, and that you return the names of all such as are warned in writing unto one of us, and assure them from Lord Hopton that none of them shall be pressed to be soldiers, and that they shall have their wages paid out of the monthly contribution money of the hundred, and shall be held to their work but a few days. [*Domestic Interregnum, Royalist Composition Papers, First Series, vol.* 54, *pp.* 989 *and* 991. ¼ *p.*]

June 15. Stourbridge. 14. Basil Earl of Denbigh to [the Committee of both kingdoms]. By the enclosed advice of the Council of War, both for my laying siege to Dudley as also for my removal thence, you will perceive the grounds of all my proceedings. Upon their latter advice of raising the siege, and finding Sir Wm. Waller's army to lie at a great distance from me and the enemy's forces drawing near, and being in despair of any assistance from Warwickshire, though I sent often to that Committee for it, I ordered the cannon to be drawn from the battery in the night of the 10th inst., and all things to be prepared for a march next morning; but such was the difficulty of bringing off the cannon that the enemy appeared next morning within 3 miles of the Castle before they were brought off, and they faced our horse within half a mile of the town before we had drawn off a drake within less than half musket shot of the Castle, which, after several fruitless attempts because the carriage was broken, was at last brought off without loss. Our scouts bringing intelligence that they had seen 2,000 horse besides their foot, and more following after, I desired Sir Thomas Middleton who led the van to march, and I brought off the rear towards Wedgbury [Wednesbury] and Wassall [Walsall], places though not fortified yet of great advantage in situation. We had not marched three quarters of a mile, through a narrow lane, when we entered upon Tipton Green [near Dudley] which was circular and set round with hedges except some avenues that led from [Dudley] Castle and other parts. The place was hardly large enough to set our small forces in battalia, which we had no sooner done than the enemy appeared in a great body of horse and foot upon the hill adjoining the Castle. Some prisoners of theirs which ours had taken that

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morning—one of them by his commission called Captain Keile, but since thought to be a Colonel—assured me the enemy's forces consisted of 4,000 horse and foot, and that greater forces were advancing for a reserve. This inequality of number giving me apprehensions of their intentions to encompass me made me order a speedy march; and accordingly Sir Thomas Middleton, taking part of his regiment of horse and his regiment of foot with the train of artillery, drew them upon view of our march to fall upon our rear. They sent 400 musketeers to line the hedges and possess themselves of a house of one Mr. Dudley, near the green, and with a body of horse descended from the Castle hill into a long narrow lane opposite the house they had taken possession of. Upon their first entrance upon the green and the playing of their musketeers upon our men, our foot began to draw back; but Major Fraser, Major to my regiment of horse, suffering their horse to enter and rank themselves upon the green to the number of 300, after one of our drakes had been very successfully discharged upon them, surrounded them with the horse, making a large front, and then my regiment of foot came up and gave very good fire. The Major with the horse charged them so bravely that they were presently routed and driven back with such violence into the lane upon their own horse that they all retired in great disorder, and were pursued and execution done upon them by my horse above half a mile to the bottom of Castle hill. Upon the flight of the enemy's horse, their foot cast away their arms and ran, so that in that lane there were no less than 1,500 horse routed and the ditches on both sides were filled with their men and horses, but most of them got away, some through the hedges, although many mangled and cut. They lost about 60, some say 100, including some officers of quality. I lost not above 10, and Cornet Mason taken, but his colours were not; the enemy could not lose theirs, having left them on the hill close by the Castle, being not willing to hazard them in the charge. My greatest loss was Captain Glover, who, after he was shot in the arm, would not be persuaded to come off, and was slain upon the place. Some officers of mine were taken prisoners, but not in the fight. On the other side of the green the Staffordshire foot fell upon Mr. Dudley's house on the one side, and part of mine in their return from the execution with the horse fell upon the other side, killing 16 of the enemy, and drove the rest from the house, and took 40 arms. The Staffordshire regiment were led by Colonel [Symon] Rugeley and Major Pinkeney. This fight continued two hours, and for three quarters of an hour was very hot. The enemy upon this repulse retired in some haste to Stourbridge, and though provoked with the shouts of my soldiers would not venture upon another charge, and my men could hardly be retained from following our advantage, which for many reasons I held then unfit. We held our stations in the field two hours after the fight, and the enemy being retired we held on our march to Wassall [Walsall]. Lord Wilmot commanded the enemy in chief that day, and was accompanied by the Earl of Cleveland, Lord Wentworth, and others of quality. Upon Sir William Waller's desire of joining our forces together we

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are now at Stourbridge, and our horse and foot quartered in the adjacent villages. I am happy in his company, and this Association would be left most desolate by his absence unless it be supplied with other forces equal in condition and number, which could hardly be found. My forces are ready to disband for want of pay and arms, which I commend to your consideration. [*Endorsed:* "Received and read, 17 June." 5 *pp.*]

June 15. Copy of the above. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 47–50.]

June 15. Stourbridge. 15. Basil Earl of Denbigh, Sir William Brereton, Col. Henry Brooke, Col. Symon Rugeley, Col. Thos. Mytton, Sir Edward Leigh, Col. Samuel Rooper, and Chidley Coote to the same. We have this day, with Sir William Waller, seen your vote for his return into the west, which appears to us of sad consequence to all these parts and the whole kingdom as things stand at present. The power of Prince Rupert's army in Lancashire, with their daily increase of numbers and confidence, is such as that county, with the strength of all friends adjacent, is not able to bear, had we no other enemy; but to add to the sufferings of these poor countries all the King's forces, by Sir William Waller's prosecution of him, are driven upon us, and as we hear are quartered near Shrewsbury upon the west side of Severn with a purpose to join with Prince Rupert, which had Sir Wm. Waller proceeded in his pursuit of them might probably be prevented; or if by hazardous marches the King's forces should succeed in joining Prince Rupert, Sir William Waller, by taking in the forces of this Association with those of Sir Thomas Middleton and Cheshire, may be enabled to oppose them both, or at least preserve those counties and block up the united enemy on this side until God give the northern forces opportunity to fall upon them on the other, and so bring them to certain straits and our miseries to a speedy end. This would seem to us of weight to carry on Sir William in his advance. But if these advantages be compared with the ill effects of his delay or return, we conceive [it] will represent his moving forward to be of urgent necessity. The King and Prince's forces left without an army to oppose them will speedily destroy the whole of Lancashire, and deprive us of that great strength of foot and those numbers of arms that yet we have in Manchester and Warrington. The encouragements the ill-affected in Salop, Cheshire, and Staffordshire will receive by the presence of the King and his forces, with the discouragements to your friends by the retreat of the power that might preserve them, will lay a necessity upon those in Wem, Nantwich, and Stafford to quit their garrisons, as not able—after ten weeks lying under the power of a strong army in the field—to bear the shock of their assaults. These are not the conjectures of fear, but of the knowledge we have of the condition of these parts. What an increase of power will be added to the King, accompanied by a prolongation of our miseries, what admiration it will beget in the people that so many armies are in the kingdom for us and none disposed of to cope with the greatest strength of the enemy, we refer to your wisdom, beseeching you to give speedy order for Sir William

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Waller's advance or for his stay here until his Excellency [the Lord General] come up for our relief, which as it is extremely wanted by these counties is also earnestly desired by us. [*Endorsed:* "Received and read, 17th June." *Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]

June 15. Copy of the above. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 50, 51.]

June 15. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Capt. Bird is to go in the service for Greenland House until he receive further order, and the Committee will interpose with the Lord General that he shall receive no blame and will take care of his pay. 2. That the letter of Sir Wm. Waller concerning Lieut.-Col. Sayer be reported to both Houses by Lord Wharton and Mr. Browne. 3. That the petition of the officers of Capt. Higgon's troop be referred to the Committee of Sussex. 4. That Mr. Recorder do report to the House [of Commons] that the 200 barrels of powder for the northern armies are delivered to be sent to Hull, but no match nor bullet, and therefore to desire that a proportionable quantity of both these may be sent likewise according to their order. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 97, *and vol.* 1 *E., pp.* 19, 20.]

June 15. Stourbridge. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. Your letter of the 11th present found me at Stourbridge joined with Lord Denbigh, and resolved to prosecute the service against the King's army with all possible expedition. Your command to me to march into the west shall with all humbleness be obeyed, though I cannot but represent to you that if there be not a very considerable body immediately sent to make good the field, his Majesty will in a short time recover strength, and all these parts will be totally lost which stand now well affected. On Thursday I left the foot quartered at Bromsgrove, and came up hither to the horse, which the day before I had sent to the assistance of Lord Denbigh, though they came too late to do him service, he having beaten the enemy, with great honour to himself, before they arrived. That night, upon information that the enemy was in Kidderminster, I took nine troops of horse and fell into that quarter, being two miles from Bewdley, where the King and his army lay and yet remain; we found the town little better than an empty farm, only we lighted upon Lieut.-Col. Stamford and a captain of foot, and some poor soldiers whom we took. We gave the alarm to Bewdley Bridge. The enemy, instead of falling out, fell to breaking the bridge, which they sufficiently performed. We took the French agent, Mons. de Sabran, prisoner in Kidderminster, but returned him the next day. The King's army is in a most discouraged, broken condition, and if it be well plied will be utterly broken. I humbly suppose, if my Lord General [Essex] would speedily advance into these parts, the work would be easy. I have likewise received a letter from your Lordship concerning Col. Norton. I am willing to dispense with his regiment and [Col. Herbert]

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Morley's foot for a while, but I desire the other troops may not be detained, and that neither Col. Norton nor any other who commands these associated forces may be left in such liberty as not to be called away but with their own consent, for that will be destructive to my command, and be of extreme ill consequence to your service. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 37. *Copy*=1⅓ *pp.*]

June 15. Stourbridge. The same to the same. Since my coming into Gloucestershire I have very unexpectedly met with a spirit of opposition in a worthy gentleman, and one whom I have ever looked upon as my friend, Col. Massie, and that in such a height as cannot consist with that command wherein the House has been pleased to place me. He denies me the liberty of sending for provisions into the country, without which the army must either starve or disband; he has also seized upon the money raised by me in the country, without which I know not how to supply the soldiers and the train [of artillery even] to shoe their horses. When I sent the prisoners, some of whom were of quality, to Gloucester to be kept there, to save clogging the army with them, he made difficulty to receive them, and gave much distaste. What instructions he has received from the Parliament and the Lord General [Essex] I know not, but I hope I have not deserved to be employed in a lower condition in that county [Gloucestershire] than I was before [in the west]. I desire you to take such course in this as may prevent future difference, and on my part I shall be ready to join with Col. Massie in the advancement of your service. [*Ibid, pp.* 43, 44. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 15. Aboard H. M. ship "the James" in Lyme Road. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. Ever since my last account of the state of Lyme Regis I have continued here for encouragement of the town, in which time I have observed these occurrences. In the five days last past the enemy has kept up a fire of great and small shot into the town, which the besieged have returned. On the 12th I furnished the town with 10 barrels of gunpowder. On the 13th Lord Hopton came to the leaguer and demanded five men out of every company, but they were denied to him as the prisoner reported, and subsequently I heard that he went to Dartmouth with 7 horse, reporting that he was commissioned to raise an army of 15,000 men. On the next day I made a diversion by landing the seamen on the east side, so as to draw the enemy off from the town, which caused the horse and foot that came down to attend them to fly to the hills, and so gave the seamen opportunity to converse with the country people, who appeared generally well affected to the Parliament. I was informed by some of them that Lord Hopton had two days previously commanded all between 15 and 60 to repair forthwith to Dorchester, with such arms as they could provide and with victuals and money, to withstand some forces expected there suddenly under command of the Lord General or Waller; also that some hundreds of men had been pressed for his service but had made their escape. Yesterday Lieut. Faire, of the Lord Braghen's [Baron Maule of Brechin's] regiment and his ensign, who had the night before come into Lyme Regis with 22 soldiers, came aboard my ship. By him I received

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intelligence that Prince Maurice had notice of some forces coming to Dorchester, that the Queen [Henrietta Maria] was about 10 days ago brought to bed at Exeter of a boy [her daughter Henrietta]. That many of the Prince's army were ready to come into Lyme, as soon as they could gain an opportunity. This morning my boat brought news from the town that the enemy was drawing off his great guns and raising the siege, which was confirmed by letter from the Governor. Prince Maurice withdrew about 5 o'clock last night, and the army stole away about 2 a.m. At noon I went ashore, and viewing the works I found the enemy's contrived with so much strength and advantage while the townsmen's were so slight that it was near a miracle how they could hold out so long against so resolute an enemy. The truth is that the courage and honesty of the officers and soldiers were in a manner their sole defence. When I came amongst the officers I found them all worthy of precious esteem, and modestly submitting to those many inconveniences which a long and hard siege had contracted, and that nothing is wanting to render them specially serviceable abroad but money, for which they desired me to be their remembrancer. I received lately a request from Plymouth to move the Parliament for money for their garrison, they having no defect to hinder their marching forth but of that and a Governor. On Thursday Sir John Bampfield, Col. [James] Carr, and their officers, came into this road and went away in the Hector the same night, so that I suppose they are before this time safely landed at their intended port. It was reported at Lyme to-day that Weymouth was delivered up to the Parliament, and carriages were observed to pass from that side towards Exeter; how far that report may be credited, or another, that Prince Charles was lately at Weymouth, I know not; but I have renewed my command to the ships attending that road to have a special eye on all vessels that came from those parts. I shall be most faithfully observant of your commands. P.S.—I received to-day the enclosed in a packet from Captain Moulton, Admiral for Ireland, who writes to me that the public service in Pembrokeshire is much interrupted by the protections granted by kindred and by the want of committees, which I leave to your consideration. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 44–46. *Copy.* 2⅔ *pp.*]

June 16. At 1 a.m. Dorchester. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. Although I have just grounds to conceive that what benefit soever is received by [through] me or this army would be but little valued, yet nothing shall cause me to neglect my duty, which makes me acquaint your Lordships that the town of Lyme [Regis], which has shown so great constancy and valour in maintaining their obedience to the Parliament, is now relieved. In what extremity they were in you may perceive by the enclosed copy of the Earl of Warwick's letter to me. On the 11th as I was marching to Amesbury, hearing that the enemy were in possession of Salisbury, I sent the General and Lieutenant-General of my horse thither, who put them in such a fright that they never stayed till

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they came to Blandford, whither the Lieutenant-General and Commissary-General of the horse followed with 1,000 horse, but 400 only were engaged against 1,500 of the enemy, who fled in precipitation to this town [Dorchester], the inhabitants of which being well affected to the Parliament kept them out, so they fled to Sherborne. I have only one request to your Lordships, that you would give encouragement to the Lord Admiral Warwick for his exertions in defence of Lyme Regis, which has been a great means of its preservation. I doubt not, if I receive no hinderance from above, I shall quickly reduce these parts to the Parliament's service. You must know by this time from where Sir Wm. Waller is, that notwithstanding your directions to him, both Lyme Regis would have been lost and an army raised [for the King in these parts] before he would have come for the relief of the one or preventing the other. As for my sending a party of horse for the relief of Lyme, whosoever gave you that information were in a great error, it being an impossible thing to have been done. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 42, 43. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

June 16. York. Sir Henry Vane [junr.] to the same. Since my arrival here I have pursued your commands with the utmost diligence, but all I was able to prevail concerning Lancashire was to procure most of the horse to be sent into Craven and those parts [of Yorkshire] for the encouragement of the country and amusement of Prince Rupert by giving alarms unto the country. Liverpool we hear is quitted by the garrison after great loss to the enemy in his attempts upon it. Warrington and Manchester we hope are in no danger. It is conceived Prince Rupert intends not to stay long in those parts in regard the Earl of Derby and others have removed their goods to Chester, as we are informed, being very apprehensive of the coming of these armies into that county, which they have very good reason to do as soon as York is despatched, the state of which in regard of the approaches are much as they were when I last wrote, saving that there are now two mines ready to play, and that the best battering piece which carries 64-lb. bullet is now upon carriages again, so as we expect very suddenly to do our endeavours by force, since by fair means we can prevail no better, as by the enclosed papers you may perceive in all the steps that have been taken concerning the same. In which, if you conceive we have been too indulgent, the desire to preserve our armies for the service of Lancashire, securing the north, and to be useful as occasion requires to the affairs of the south, has induced us thereunto; especially if it might have in point of time set us at liberty for these purposes, but if there be no remedy I find it will not be long before we fall upon other resolutions. Since my writing thus much Manchester played his mine with very good success, made a fair breach, and entered with his men and possessed the manor house, but Leven and Fairfax not being acquainted therewith, that they might have diverted the enemy at other places, the enemy drew all their strength against our men, and beat them off again, but with no great loss, as I hear; this opportunity being thus missed it may

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possibly occasion some retardment in this work, though I hope it will not be very long. I would gladly, if I could, see York taken in before my return; but concerning that I desire to know your pleasure. In regard the time appointed me for my return draws now very near, which I would by no means transgress, only I am very much pressed to stay awhile in regard the Commissioners here are not a quorum without me. So that until we have an answer to my last despatch concerning this particular, I fear it will be impossible for me to get away. I therefore beseech you to send me your direction herein with all possible speed, which I shall be very careful to observe. I have prevailed with the Earl of Leven and the Lord Fairfax to send a 1,000 horse into the bishopric of Durham with order to the foot that are there and can be spared to join with them to oppose Montrose, Clavering, and those forces there that do nothing but spoil and plunder all those countries. I cannot yet learn that the Earl of Callender is come in or likely to come yet awhile. If we have a speedy success against York I doubt not but the north will be suddenly settled, otherwise the hastening of the Earl of Callender I conceive would do no harm. We are informed that Prince Rupert intends to go southward to join with the King, though by the confidence of York, we should rather imagine he intends [to come] this way. [*Ibid., pp.* 52, 53. *Copy, partly in cipher.* 2 *pp.*]

June 16. Stourbridge. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. Upon receipt of your order I prepared to march into the west, though with a sad sense of the condition of these poor countries if there should be no other army left to supply the field. Yesterday I received this enclosed from York unhappily written in a cipher whereof Sir Arthur Haselrigg has the key, I thought it might concern the service if I made stay in these parts upon this occasion until I receive your further orders. His Majesty yesterday retired again to Worcester. I have given orders for the present reparation of Bewdley bridge, which will make me master of both sides of the river and give me a readier opportunity to follow His Majesty whensoever he dislodges. His army is mouldered away to a very small proportion, and I think it lessens every day. The report of [Sir James] Hastings joining with his Majesty proved false. If the Lord General [Essex] march speedily up towards Bristol side, his [the King's] retreat into the west is cut off, which is the only hope left for him. I shall neglect no opportunity to evidence that I am your servant. [*Ibid., p.* 54. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 16. Dorchester. Lord General Essex to the same. I have nothing worthy your knowledge but that the countries here will show great affections to this despised army. The next letter you receive from me, I believe, will be from Weymouth, I hope your Lorships will not look upon it "as from us that deed it," but as it may be serviceable for the Parliament, and then it may be thought considerable. If the long expected pay come down with the ammunition we are not in despair of deserving it. [*Ibid., p.* 56. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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June 17. Burford. 16. Thomas Elyott to Prince Rupert. Mostly in cipher. Let me know whether you received my letter wherein Lord Lindsey was concerned. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

June 17. Stafford. 17. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee at Leicester. I suppose you have received letters from the Committee of both kingdoms, expressing the conveniency of uniting the forces of this part to oppose Prince Rupert, and leaving the appointing of the time and place of rendezvous to myself. I have written to the other gentlemen who are to join me, and hope both they and you, considering the benefit that may redound not only to our own counties but the whole kingdom by this service if it take good effect, will without fail be ready with the number of horse and foot prescribed, and what more may be added beyond your direction, upon Monday next the 24th instant at Uttoxeter to join my forces and march towards the rest of our friends. P.S.—The forces to be sent by you according to the appointment of the Committee of both kingdoms are 300 foot and 200 horse of my Lord Grey's, to whom I have written concerning the same. [*Endorsed:* "Received here the 22nd." *Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]

June 17. 18. Order of the Commons. That 470*l.* be paid out of Haberdashers' Hall to the Lieutenant of the Ordnance, for furnishing 10 tons of match and ten tons of bullets for the armies [in the north], the money to be paid out of the proceeds arising from the jewels seized at St. James's, or out of malcontents', delinquents', or Papists' estates now offered to be discovered. For Wm. Lane, Treasurer to the Committee at Haberdashers' Hall. [*Copy.* ⅔ *p.*] *Subjoined,*

18. I. *Order of the Committee for advance of money for the army. That Mr.* [*Lawrence*] *Newman do out of the money remaining in his hands pay to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant-General of Ordnance,* 470*l. for furnishing the match and bullet for the armies, according to the above order of the House of Commons.* [½ *p.*]

18. II. *Receipt by Sir Walter Erle for* 470*l. received of Lawrence Newman.* [¼ *p.*]

June 17. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Hen. Vane, junr.'s, letter from York of the 11th inst. be reported to the House by Mr. Recorder. 2. That all the letters from Stourbridge of the 15th, those from York of the 11th, and the Lord General's letter of the 14th inst. be all reported to the House by Mr. Recorder. Afternoon.—Ordered, 3. That the two troops now with Col. Norton, under the command of Capt. Potts and Capt. Draper, do go to Sir Wm. Waller for convoy of the money and ammunition to be

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sent to him. 4. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller acknowledging his of the 15th inst., and that the Committee are glad to hear of the fair advantages that lie before him; that the House of Commons, considering the danger of his return, have ordered him to stay where he is, and have undertaken the payment of his army during his employment out of the Associated counties; to enclose the orders of the House; and that the Committee will take care to send such money and ammunition as shall be provided for them. 5. That Mr. Wallop be desired to acquaint the gentlemen of Hampshire with the occasion of sending away these two troops for Sir W. Waller. 6. That a letter be written to Col. Norton to send two troops under the command of Capt. Potts and Capt. Draper the nearest way to Barnet, from whence they are to convoy such money and ammunition as are to be sent to Sir Wm. Waller. 7. That Sir Walter Erle, Mr. Trenchard, and Mr. Richardson, the wagon-master, do attend this Committee to-morrow at 3 p.m. 8. That a letter of thanks be sent to Lord Denbigh for his good service done to the Commonwealth against the enemy near Dudley Castle. 9. That letters be written to the Committees of Leicester, Derby, and Nottingham, repeating what was formerly written on the 13th, and desiring them to put it into speedy execution. 10. To write to Sir Wm. Waller giving him notice thereof, and of the raising of the siege of Lyme Regis. 11. That a letter of thanks be sent to the Lord Admiral for his good service in the relief of Lyme. 12. That the letter of his Excellency [Essex] from Dorchester of 16th inst. be reported to the Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Recorder. 13. That letters be sent to the Committee of both kingdoms at the Scottish army, to the Earl of Manchester, and Lord Fairfax, acquainting them with the resolution of the House concerning Sir Wm. Waller's stay where he now is, and of the resolution concerning the Earl of Denbigh's forces. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 98, 99, *and* 1 *E., pp.* 21, 22.]

June 17. Evesham. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. Since my last his Majesty retired on Sunday from Worcester to Evesham, and from thence, without making any stay, to Broadway hill, and this day to Burford, breaking all bridges behind him, so that it is impossible for me to overtake him. I resolve therefore, according to your orders, to march immediately into the west, for I have nothing to do here that can any way correspond with the service in the north. I cannot find that his Majesty has above 7 or 800 foot left, and about 2,000 horse. I marched this day from Stourbridge, where I lay most commodiously to hinder his Majesty's advance northward, to Evesham, which is 22 miles, leaving the foot at Droitwich to come up to me to-morrow. I am sorry that my best endeavours have had no better success, but I hope you will not measure them by that rule. I shall justify myself in nothing but in my desire to approve myself yours. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 54, 55. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

June 17. Weymouth. Advice from Weymouth to the same. The advance of the Lord General's army into these parts has occasioned the raising of the

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siege of Lyme [Regis], which [was] accomplished on Saturday last. The Lord General summoned and has Weymouth delivered to him. Yesterday the conditions were agreed upon and the town taken possession of to-day, when the Lord General also summoned and had delivered up to him the castle opposite Portland Castle. Arms were found in this town. [*Ibid., p.* 55. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. We received yours of the 15th from Stourbridge, and are glad to hear of so fair advantages to lie before you. The House of Commons, considering the danger to those parts, if you should return, leaving the King's forces there, who might both recruit themselves and endanger the loss of all, have ordered that you are not to return, but take the best advantage you can against the enemy, till the House take further order. The House undertakes to see your army paid during the time you shall be employed out of the Association, as by the orders themselves inclosed you will perceive. We will take care to despatch away to you all arms and ammunition that shall be provided for your army. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Bulmer 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 135, 136. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 18. 19. Information of John Langley, of Colchester, against Col. Walter Longe. That the 24th Apr. 1643 the Colonel by violence took away out of my house 900*l.*, being 200*l.* more than he delivered to me to keep, besides which I delivered to him plate to the value of 39*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, so he had of that which was collected by me in Colchester about the proposition in money and plate 239*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* [½ *p.*]

June 18. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letters to the Committee of both kingdoms at the Scottish army, as also those to the Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax, the Lord Admiral, Lord Denbigh, and Sir Wm. Waller now read, are approved of and to be despatched. 2. That letters be written to the commanders of the forces before Greenland House, giving them notice of the King's return to Eversholme [Evesham], and desiring them to look to themselves, that they be not surprised. The like to Aylesbury and the forces about Basing House, notifying the King's return. 3. That by way of postscript, intimation be given to Sir Wm. Waller [in the letter to be sent to him, of the information given to this Committee] of the King's return from Worcester on Sunday to Evesham, and from thence to Witney. 4. That letters be prepared to Sir Samuel Luke and the Committee at Northampton, desiring them, on account of the King's return, to have the forces under their command in readiness for service. 5. A letter of thanks to the Committee of Coventry for their timely intelligence of the King's return. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 99, *and* 1 *E., p.* 23.]

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June 18. Leaguer before York. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. I received yours of the 13th inst., and am very glad that you approve of my staying here in conjunction with these armies; I assure you my desires have ever been to do what might most conduce to the public service, and I shall never fail to express my readiness to observe your commands. Concerning our condition here Sir H. Vane [junr.] has given you the particulars. I believe that the besieged cannot but be in straits, though they are not willing to express it, being in daily expectation of Prince Rupert's relieving them; these two last nights they have made fires upon the top of the Minster, and have been answered with the like signals from Pontefract. Yesterday within my quarters I sprang a mine, which did great execution upon the enemy, blowing up a tower which joined to the Manor-yard, and this mine taking so great effect my Major-General commanded 600 men to storm the Manor-house, who beat the enemy and took 100 prisoners, but, being over confident, 2,000 of the enemy's best men fell upon them and beat them back. I lost near 300 men, but still maintain the breaches, and the enemy dare not make any sally out; we are now so near them that we are very ill neighbours one to another. You will do a thing very advantageous to the Scotch army if you send them down a good provision of gunpowder. I hope you will have a good account of this place. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 56, 57. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 18. At 4 a.m. Leaguer before York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the same. I received yours of the 13th, and am very glad that you approve of the resolutions of these armies concerning the city of York and the affairs of these parts. You have had an account of our late treaty with the enemy, since which time there happened nothing extraordinary save that upon Sunday last Manchester's men sprang a mine and entered into the Manor, which was hotly disputed with loss on both sides. I must solicit you for a speedy supply of gunpowder, match, and bullet for my own and the Scotch armies in very large proportions, otherwise the service of these armies will be much retarded, contrary to our desires and your expectations. For my own particular I must intreat a supply of muskets, pistols, and carbines, concerning which I have often written. I am necessitated still to move you to acquaint the Parliament with my want of money, for my men are like to mutiny and many run away, whom I cannot in justice punish having nothing to pay them withall, while Manchester's men are very well paid, and a considerable supply furnished to the Scotts' army. I beseech you to consider what it is to have [the command of] an army and nothing to give them, while joined with other armies that are well paid. The pay of my army comes to 15,000*l.* a month, and I have received only 10,000*l.* for these four months past at the least. I endeavour to struggle against all difficulties whatsoever to carry on this work, not doubting but that your Lordships and the two Houses will take the condition of my army into your speedy consideration. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 57, 58. *Copy* $=1\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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June 18. Leicester. Lord Thos. Grey to the same. Upon Saturday night I received your commands, which, as far as I am able, I shall be ever ready to obey. In the first place I hold it my duty to give you an account of the present state of the county. Col. Nevill sent a strong party of horse to plunder Rowell fair on Monday last, where great store of good horses were brought from diverse places, but I prevented it by sending my broken regiment of horse that way, though they fell into an out quarter where there lay a piece of a troop, and took 11 horses and 6 men, and since that your Lordships have commanded 200 of my horse to join with the Earl of Denbigh. Of my regiment only 250 are left, chiefly occasioned for want of money, they having received but 14 days of the month's pay promised. I should not be discharging my duty to my country were I not to present to your consideration the fact that if these 200 horse be sent out of the county [of Leicester] at this time, that part of the county which has reasonably escaped the fury of the enemy will speedily be in as bad a condition as the others; thus I leave all to your grave considerations, being ever ready to obey your commands. P.S.—I would remind you of the arms I formerly desired, the pistols being of such necessity to me that I know not what to do without them, for I am recruiting my regiment, and if I have not pistols my men will be much discouraged. [*Ibid., p.* 59. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 18. Evesham. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I wrote to you last night to advertise you that whilst I was at rest to hinder His Majesty's advance to Shrewsbury from Bewdley, my quarter lay at Stourbridge, from whence I had a shorter march to Shrewsbury than the King had, but Bewdley bridge being broken, I could make no attempt upon his army. His Majesty suddenly dislodged and retired to Worcester, but yet as most of his horse quartered within a little distance of Bewdley, I thought it not advisable to move, lest it should prove but a feint, to make me lose ground, in the event of his facing about. But contrary to my expectation, the next day, Sunday, he marched away through Evesham, breaking the bridge behind him, as likewise Bidford bridge, and halted awhile upon Broadway hill, from whence yesterday early he proceeded on his march to Burford, so that I make no question but he is now very well in Oxford again. So soon as I received assurance of His Majesty's departure to Evesham I rose, and leaving my foot with two regiments of horse to attend them I advanced with the rest of my horse and dragoons after him to Evesham, 22 miles distant, but when I came hither I found that his Majesty had gained 20 miles before me, so that I conceived I should not ruin my horse to pursue him further, and therefore gave over the chase. I resolve now, since in these parts I can do nothing in correspondence with our northern armies, to apply myself to the service of the west. We have taken some prisoners, including Col. Skirmshay [Scrimgeour], with diverse letters of importance, which I have sent you, keeping copies of the principal in case these should miscarry. [*Ibid., p.* 60. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 18. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. Our last letter of the 13th inst. gave [you] a short account of the

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Lord General [Essex's] march up to the 11th inst. The 14th he was at Blandford and the 16th at Dorchester. The siege of Lyme [Regis] was raised the 14th, on which day Prince Maurice departed for Exeter about 5 p.m., and his army stole away at 2 a.m. The Lord Admiral [Warwick] went ashore about noon, when he found the enemy's works strong and made with great advantage, but the town works so weak that it was a miracle they could so hold out against a resolute enemy. The King's forces being at Bewdley intended to raise the Earl of Denbigh from the siege of Dudley Castle, who put himself in "battalia" to receive them, and after some warm skirmishing the enemy left him, having lost about 80 of his men, and among them a person of note. Sir Wm. Waller sent horse to their succour, but they did not arrive till the morning after the skirmish. The forces we had commanded to march to Lord Denbigh we signified in our last, viz., all that Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton had or could make [ready], Lord Grey 200 horse and 300 foot from Leicestershire, Col. Hutchinson and the Committee at Nottingham 200 horse and 300 foot, Sir John Gell and the Committee at Derby 500 horse and 500 foot. These were to receive Lord Denbigh's orders for a rendezvous, and he with them to endeavour so to secure the passes into Lancashire as to restrain Prince Rupert's retreat till, if we have good success at York, he might be dealt with by a greater force. The House of Commons in regard Sir Wm. Waller is advanced as far as Bewdley in pursuit of the King's army has ordered that he shall not return to the west, but to take all advantages he can against the enemy till the House take further order. He is joined with Lord Denbigh, with whom the above-mentioned forces are to join. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Rowland Faukeard, 10 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 136, 137 *Copy* = 1½ *pp.*]

June 18. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident with the Scotch army. To the same effect as the preceding. [*Ibid. Minute. 2 lines.*]

June 18. The like letter to Ferdinando Lord Fairfax. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 18. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. Yesterday we sent two several messengers to you on the same business, and hope that either one or both are with you. This is to let you know what we had written before to several places for forces to join with Lord Denbigh to enable him to keep the passes into Lancashire, and thereby to keep Prince Rupert there until, our forces being successful before York, he may be dealt withal by greater numbers. We desired Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton, &c. [*See the above letter to Manchester.*] Of this we then wrote to Lord Denbigh [on the 13th inst.], and trust he has before this communicated with you. At the same time we gave notice thereof to the armies at York. You may take notice that the siege before Lyme [Regis] is raised. Prince Maurice went thence on Friday at 5 p.m. towards Exeter, and his army stole away about 2 a.m. in that night. On the 15th the Lord Admiral [Warwick] went

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ashore there to view the works before that town. He greatly commends the valour of the besieged, and the singular modesty of their officers in bearing the many inconveniencies which a long and hard siege had contracted. The Lord General [Essex] was at Dorchester the 16th inst. This is all we have to trouble you with at present. Signed as above, and sent by John Craven, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 138, 139. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

June 18. Derby House. The same to Col. Hutchinson. We wrote to you on the 13th inst., but lest those letters may have miscarried we repeat what we then wrote [*see above,* 13 *June, p.* 231], and desire you to put it in execution. [*Ibid., p.* 139. *Minute.* ¼ *p.*]

June 18. The same to Lord Grey. To the same effect as the above to Sir W. Waller, *mutatis mutandis,* for 200 horse at least to be sent to Lord Denbigh. With a clause to send his Major, if his regiment be not in condition for him to march with it in person. [*Ibid. Minute.* 3 *lines.*]

June 18. Similar letter to the Committee at Leicester. For 300 foot to be sent to Lord Denbigh. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 18. Derby House. The like to Sir John Gell. For 500 horse and 500 foot. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler, 10 p.m. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 18. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have received yours of the 15th from Stourbridge, with the advertisement of the enemy's attempts against you, of your action against them, and of that good success and victory which God has given to your endeavours; for which His blessing upon your judicious conduct and valiant deportment in this action we congratulate with you, and trust that it will be the happy beginning of many other good services to be done by those forces under your command, as being well assured that you will make the best improvement of all opportunities of action in this service that shall be offered, whereby to serve both the public and the commands of your own worth. Signed as above, and sent by Craven, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 140. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 18. Derby House. The same to the Lord Admiral [Warwick]. We have received yours of the 15th from aboard the James in Lyme-road, with the good news of the relief of that so well deserving town. Their own valiant resolutions can never be remembered without their due honour, nor yet how large your indefatigable care and vigilant eye over them have contributed to their relief as being under God the principal cause that it yet exists. A benefit so great to them that they are bound in all thankfulness ever to acknowledge; and a service to the public not only valuable in itself, but (in this time and as the state of affairs now stands) of such concernment and influence that it must receive some degree of precedence among those very many other worthy ones, whereby you have merited of the Commonwealth, of all which, as of this especially, this thankful

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acknowledgment is returned by this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Binding to Mr. Coytmore. [*Ibid., pp.* 140, 141. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

June 18. Derby House. The same to Lieut.-Col. Bradley. It is reported by one lately a prisoner in the King's army that he has returned with his army from about Bewdley to Worcester, and thence on Sunday last to Evesholme [Evesham], the army [lying] about Broadway. The relator came in their company, and says that they intended to be last night at Witney. We know not what truth there is in the relation, yet we thought fit to give you notice that you might guard against a surprise. We commend this to your vigilancy, and desire you who are nearer the place, if you have any further notice of it, to send us immediately word of it. Sent by Mr. Potter, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 141. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 18. The like [letter was sent] to Aylesbury. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 18. The like to Basing [House sent] by John Hanbury. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Wallop, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the deciphered letter shall be returned to Sir Wm. Waller, with intelligence of the King's return. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller giving him notice of the King's return, and desiring him to follow him whatsoever way he takes; and if he should give him battle the Committee have appointed the forces set down in the following list to be at his command for his assistance, viz.: foot, Warwick 240, Warwick Castle 100, Kenilworth Castle 60, Coventry 200, Northampton 100, Sir Saml. Luke from Newport 400, and from Cambridge 400, total 1,500; horse, Col Purefoy 250, Col. Barker 60, Major Bridges 50, Northampton 80, Sir S. Luke 80, total 520. 2. Letters to be written to all these several places to give them notice of the King's return, and because the King may give Sir Wm. Waller battle to desire them to march with those forces to such place as Sir Wm. shall appoint, and to let them know that they shall be detained there no longer than the King shall stay in those parts. 3. That the messenger who came from Coventry with the intelligence of the King's return shall have 5*l.* 4. That the Lord General's letter of the 16th inst. and the letter from Coventry of the 17th be reported to both Houses by Lord Wharton and Mr. Solicitor respectively. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. That a letter be written to the Earl of Denbigh notifying the King's return to Oxford, and that Sir Wm. Waller is appointed to follow him. [Denbigh is therefore] to gather all his forces into a body, and to endeavour to join with those of Manchester. To stop the passes, and not to join battle but upon apparent advantages. 6. That letters be written to Sir John Meldrum, the Committee at Manchester, and Col. John Booth, that

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the Committee has given order for considerable supplies both of horse and foot under the command of the Earl of Denbigh to march toward them. 7. That upon the desire of the Lords the letter from the Lord General of the 14th inst. from Blandford be reported to the House of Lords by the Earl of Northumberland. 8. That a copy of the certificate of 19 June from the Committee at Grocers' Hall be sent to Lord Foliot. 9. That the letter from the Committee of Rutlandshire be taken into consideration before any payment be made to Col. Waite. 10. That Mr. Solicitor declared he had received a letter from Sergeant Glanville, but having forgotten it he will bring it in to-morrow. 11. That a letter be written to Capt. Greenville to have his troop in readiness to be employed as Col. Martin shall appoint for the service of Aylesbury. 12. That a note be given to every messenger of the hour at which they are sent away, which they shall return signed by the party to whom they are sent, or their secretary, with the hour of the delivery of the letter sent from hence, and when the messengers are thence despatched. That a duplicate of the letter to Sir Wm. Waller be sent to him to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 100, 101, *and* 1 *E.*, *pp.* 23–25.]

June 19. Weymouth. Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. Upon knowledge of the Lord General's intentions to advance towards Weymouth, and his desire that I should second his endeavours by sea for taking in that town, I, after settling the business of Lyme Regis, directed the return of my seamen aboard. On Monday morning I sailed towards Weymouth, which at my coming to Portland road I found surrendered to his Excellency the same day. Letters were received by the Lord General signifying the reassembling of the enemy near Lyme, which was looked upon by the inhabitants as in a worse condition than before owing to the withdrawal of the seamen and some of the garrison. His Excellency caused a Council of War consisting of his own officers and the sea commanders to be called on shore, whose joint resolutions, as enclosed, I shall on my part carefully pursue, not doubting but to give a very good account of our proceedings; and that the western parts will be quickly reduced to the Parliament's obedience. It is true Prince Maurice, Lord Hopton, and others have united their interests for the forming of a great body, and are now attempting an Association in cos. Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset, and do compel many of the country people to join them, which, if not suddenly prevented, may defeat those great advantages, that do yet invite his Excellency's marching with his whole army into the centre of their Association, and may beget a necessary alteration, not only in the state of Lyme, but in the general temper of the people thereabouts, who are now waiting an opportunity to cast off that yoke of tyranny, oppression, rapine, and violence which has been put upon them by a hand of power, and by their own too easy submission. But the fear of that will, in all probability, be dissolved upon the approach of a good army. And now, God beginning to honour with success the Parliament in the Lord

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General's proceedings, I humbly submit to your wisdoms whether it may not be a seasonable and proper motion to the Parliament to appoint several Committees in the several parts of this county, and from time to time in the rest, as there shall be occasion successively, for the settling, improving, and further securing of them to the Parliament; being the more considerable in respect of some disaffected gentry in the west, especially in this county, few of them having yet attended his Excellency since his coming hither; the reason apparently being jealousy and a rumour that his Excellency's army is presently to return, which disaffection may have the more dangerous operation for that the army itself, being in motion, will not be able, without the assistance of the respective counties and places, to make good what it gains, unless it should divide and thereby weaken itself; whereby what has been obtained with much honour and some difficulty may be in danger to be again lost, which it much concerns the State to prevent, especially as to Weymouth, it having been most serviceable to the enemy's designs and supplies of any port in England. We hear this morning that the Queen has a girl, and that there are great distractions at Exeter. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 61, 62. *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

June 19. Pershore. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I received yours of the 10th last night. The reasons of my return and bending westward I sent you yesterday from Evesham, with some letters of importance, which I presume before this you have received. I suppose this alteration of affairs here, upon the King's departure to Oxford, will produce new counsels with you, and give me a free pass into the west. Amongst the enclosed letters that to Prince Maurice will discover a danger, that in the absence of the Lord General's army hangs over those counties which have been yet untouched. I presume to remind you of it, out of a sad apprehension I have of those miseries, if there be not a timely prevention, by putting a considerable force into the field, to keep the enemy in at Oxford. His Majesty carried not 1,000 foot back with him; his horse being extremely jaded out, though not much diminished in numbers. They are about 3,000, but most inconsiderably provided. I am now marching into Somersetshire, where, and in those other western parts, I have very good hopes given me I may quickly raise a very great force, both of horse and foot. The only defect will be want of arms, which if I might be supplied with, I would undertake, immediately upon their landing at Lyme Regis, to pay for them. I could wish there were 6,000 foot arms and 2,000 horse arms, with 3,000 saddles and furniture provided and sent thither, or if that could not be done, I desire these provisions might be made at London, for which I will furnish the money. [*Ibid., p.* 63. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. The King is come back into Oxfordshire with horse and foot, and we have written to Sir W. Waller to follow him which way soever he shall take. We desire you that, according to our former letters, you would gather all your forces into a body for the relief

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of Lancashire and those parts. If you can we desire you to join with the forces in Manchester, and take course that that great body of foot there may not be kept in that town and want provisions. We hope you will speedily hear of good success from York, and until then we desire you to make good the passes, and use the best means that the enemy's forces may not break into Cheshire and Staffordshire, and that you stand upon your defence and not join battle with the enemy but upon apparent advantages. We desire you to keep good intelligence with the army before York with Sir John Meldrum and our forces in Lancashire, and that we may have frequent advertisements from you. We have sent you herewith letters to Leicester, Nottingham, and Derby, which are the same formerly sent, and you may make such use of them as you think fit. Sent by Richard Hunt, one of the Coventry scouts, 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 142. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 19. Mem.—That by Richd. Hunt also were sent duplicates of this Committee's letters of the 13th inst. formerly directed to Leicester, Nottingham, and Derby; also to Sir Thos. Midleton. These were all of the same tenor as those formerly sent by Mr. Fleetwood; *see above*, 13*th June*. [*Ibid.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to Sir John Meldrum. We are endeavouring to send speedy relief to Manchester and Warrington, which deserve so well. The Earl of Denbigh we hope will ere long come to you with a considerable body of 2,000 horse and at least 2,000 foot, with whom we desire you to join all the force you can, the town of Manchester being secured, that provisions in those parts may supply those that shall stay there, and they that come out be otherwise provided. We desire you to keep good intelligence with the Earl of Denbigh, to whom we have signified our further advice. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 143. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Brereton. We thank you for your letter from St. Alban's. We have heard Mr. Swinton, and have written to Earl of Denbigh to go with his forces for the relief of your parts, to whom as formerly we desire you to join all the force you can. We doubt not but Sir Thos. Middleton with his forces and some horse and foot from Leicester, Nottingham, and Derby will speedily join with you. Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have certain intelligence that the King is come back near to Oxford with horse and foot. We desire you to follow him, which way soever he takes, with as much speed as you can conveniently. If he should give you battle about Oxford, although we hope your army is able to fight with any strength the King can make in those parts where he now is, yet, because Oxford will be an advantage to him, and that the less hazard we run the better, we have appointed these forces underwritten to be in readiness to assist you upon your command, viz.: foot of Warwick, Col. Bosseville's regiment, 240; of the Castle,

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Major Bridge's. 100; of Kenilworth Castle, Captain Needham's, 60; of Coventry, 200; of Northampton, 100; Sir Samuel Luke's, from Newport, 400; Sir Samuel Luke's, from Cambridge, 400. Total, 1,500 foot. Horse, from Colonel Purefoy, 250; Col. Barker, 60; Major Bridges', 50; Northampton, 80; Sir Samuel Luke's, 80. Total, 520 horse. We desire to hear frequently from you. P.S.—The letter that you sent to decipher is here sent enclosed. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Jennings, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 144. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Manchester. We have given directions for considerable supplies to come to you of horse and foot under the command of the Earl of Denbigh. We have experience of your good affection and of you well deserving, and we shall be most careful to do everything that may conduce to your welfare. Signed as above, and sent by Rich. Hunt, of Coventry. [*Ibid. Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

June 19. The like letter, *mutatis mutandis*, to Col. Booth, Governor of Warrington. *Underwritten,*

Mem.—These two letters were sent by R. Hunt to the Committee at Coventry, who were to take care to send them to the Earl of Denbigh. His Lordship was to order their conveyance according to directions. That to Sir John Meldrum was also to go by the same conveyance. [*Ibid. Minute.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to Col. Purefoy. We have received certain advertisement of the King's return into Oxfordshire, and not knowing but he may give Sir Wm. Waller battle in those parts, for the further strengthening of Sir William we desire you forthwith to march with your regiment of horse to such place or rendezvous as he shall appoint, and there attend his further orders. It is our intention you shall abide there no longer than the King shall be in those parts. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 146. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The like letter was sent to Col. Barker for 60 horse. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. The like to Capt. Needham for 60 foot. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. The like to the Committee at Coventry for 200 foot. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. The like to Major Bridges for 100 foot and 50 horse. Signed as above, and given to himself. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. The like to Col. Bossevile for 240 foot. Signed as above, and sent by R. Hunt. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. The like to Sir Samuel Luke; from Newport 400 foot and from Cambridge 400, also 80 horse. Sent by Major Bridges. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

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June 19. Derby House. The like to the Committee at Northampton for 100 foot and 80 horse. Signed as above, and sent by Major Bridges. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to Col. Norton. Considering the importance of the service entrusted to Sir Wm. Waller, we thought fit that Capt. Potts' and Capt. Draper's troops now with you should be sent to him. And because there is some provision of money and ammunition for his army to be sent speedily, which they are to convoy, we desire you to send them the nearest way to Barnet, where they shall receive further directions. *Underwritten,*

This was not sent. [*Ibid, p.* 147. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry. We received your letter of the 17th instant, giving intelligence of the King's hasty return toward Oxford, of which, though we had heard immediately before by one who came in their company from Worcester to Evesholme [Evesham] and Broadway, yet doubted the credit [to be given to it] till we received yours. We regard this as an argument of your vigilance, and receive it as a very acceptable and useful service, desiring that upon all occasions you will continue to give us information. Sent by Richd. Hunt, the Coventry messenger, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 148. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 20. Sunderland. 20. Sir W. Armyne and Richard Barwis to Sir Henry Vane the elder. This gentleman Sir William Langley desired our letter to show how willing he is to submit to the Parliament, as he hath of late declared to us, what opinion soever he hath been of formerly. He is a very knowing man in the ways of the collieries, and may therein do us much service in working the coal; and he doth assure us for that which is already above the ground he readily submits to the order of the Committee of both kingdoms, which the Parliament hath been formerly acquainted with, and we have followed and persevered all this time not without interruptions of those that call themselves our friends as well as from our enemies, who have burnt and spoiled stairs and coals and endeavoured to stop the passage for boats by a dam across the river, which the seamen quickly pulled up; and having taken order with Mr. Grey and his fitter, who opposed the Parliament and Committee of both kingdoms, we hope to find quicker despatch in lading the ships than hitherto. We want you in the Bishopric, where we have long been in a doubtful condition, but hope at length to settle all things well. [*Seal with crest.* 1 *p.*]

June 20. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Crew, Wallop, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee of both kingdoms at the Scottish army, and to send a copy enclosed of the intercepted letters, the two in cipher excepted, which shall be sent if they can be got deciphered. To let them know that the bearer, Col. Skrimshaw, is ordered to be sent unto them. 2. That

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Lord Denbigh has a letter sent to him giving him notice of the great want of powder in Prince Rupert's army, and of the supplies intended for him from Bristol and Worcester, and to desire him to prevent the same. 3. That a letter be sent to the Lord Admiral to the same effect. 4. That a transcript of the letter from Lord Digby to Prince Maurice be sent to the Lord General by Lord Say as from himself, so much as concerns my Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller excepted. 5. That letters be written to the garrisons of Stafford, Wem, and Nantwich to furnish themselves with provisions in case they shall be besieged. 6. That it be put into all letters sent abroad from this Committee to desire them to take notice of the hour they receive and despatch letters by the messengers of this Committee, and to acquaint the Committee therewith that if they be slow they may be punished. 7. That a letter be written to Sir Wm. Waller desiring him according to the directions sent to him yesterday to follow the King wheresoever he goes, and if the King be about Oxford to send for the forces mentioned in those letters, and to send Col. Skrimshaw to York. Afternoon.—Ordered, 8. To notify to the Lord Admiral that the ship Mary and Anne with the letters to the Scottish Commissioners was taken by Capt. Alleyne, who intends making for Falmouth, and to desire his Lordship to look after her. 9. That 5*l.* be given to the messenger who brought the first news of the King's coming back to Oxford. 10. That Mr. Pierpont, Mr. Solicitor [St. John], Mr. Crew, and Mr. Recorder [Glynn] do withdraw to offer to this Committee what is fit to be reported to the House [of Commons] concerning a further assistance from Scotland. 11. That the letter of Lord Grey, wherein he desires arms for the recruiting of his regiment, be reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Crew. 12. To write to [Walter] Strickland and [Thos.] Cunningham, or either of them, concerning the misinformations made in Holland by some of the clergy of Ireland touching the contributions made there [in Holland] for the Protestants in Ireland. 13. That an order be drawn recommending to the Committee of the Militia to offer to all within the several wards [of the City] that if they will raise any horse for this expedition under Col. Browne, they shall be repaid out of the Ordinance for the same expedition. 14. That Wm. Gilbert do deliver to Samuel Avery and George Thomason, or whom they shall employ, all such arms, ammunition, and other provisions formerly provided for Ireland now in his hands and keeping, or in the possession of any other by his delivery or appointment, to be presently sent into Ireland. 15. The Committee, considering the state of the northern parts, do order that it be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Recorder [Glynn], viz.:—1. That the Scottish army is engaged before York, and that cos. Northumberland, Westmoreland, and Durham, wanting their protection, lie under the present pressure of the enemy. 2. In case York should be taken the Scottish army must either fall back again into those parts, and then they could not contribute their assistance southwards, or, if they advance southwards, those counties must remain under the power and spoil of the enemy. 3. That Newcastle continuing unreduced, the City

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of London would be much distressed for want of fuel. 4. For these reasons, and for that the war may be shortened, they conceive it would be for the good of the kingdom that the forces already raised and in raising in Scotland, being as we hear about 10,000, be invited to come in [to England] for our further assistance. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 101–103.]

June 20. Leaguer before York. Sir Henry Vane, junr., to the Committee of both kingdoms. I hope this will come safe to your hands by the ordinary post. It is to acquaint you that Waller, upon occasion of letters from the Generals here, has despatched Lieut.-Col. Birch hither express, with a particular account of the state of his affairs, and his desire that Prince Rupert's motions might be attended by a force from hence whilst he is pursuing the King, whereupon the enclosed resolutions were taken yesterday afternoon, and Lieut.-Col. Birch returned back with that to Waller. This now suits with the commands I received from you, though it be somewhat the later before it came to be resolved on; by this means York will be blocked only as it was before Manchester did come to them. By a letter from Lord Warristone to Sir Wm. Armine it is advertised that the Earl of Callender will be at Blyth Neake [Nook below Newcastle] with the army upon the 23rd instant. Col. Fairfax and Col. Welden, with above 1,000 horse besides the Scotch foot, are in the Bishopric. Montrose and Clavering are said to be in Newcastle, and neither are they like to get to Prince Rupert, nor are the country [folks] willing to rise with them upon the news of the Earl of Callender's coming. I hope to wait upon you within very few days, being very confident that before this time the Houses of Parliament have added Commissioners to reside here according to what I wrote in my first letter to you. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 64. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 20. York Leaguer. The same to the same. I am bold to trouble you with one thing that I omitted in the enclosed, which is that the forces to be sent from hence are over and above 1,000 horse and 4,000 or 5,000 foot out of Lancashire. For the speedy preparing of which force Mr. White was last night despatched thither, so as it is not doubted but all the strength Prince Rupert has need not be feared in case they meet. Prince Rupert's forces are conceived to be, by the best relation, but 4,000 fighting horse and 4,000 others warned for baggage horses, and some 4,000 or 5,000 foot. It is not certain yet whether he will bend his way northward or southward, and therefore it is intended to wait upon him either way. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 65. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 20. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of both kingdoms in the army at York. In ours of the 18th inst. we informed you of the posture of affairs in the south and west, and of the information we had of the King's retreat from Bewdley and Worcester to Evesholme [Evesham], and so to Burford and Oxford, which you will now see clearer by the enclosed letter, which Sir Wm. Waller intercepted, and has now come to our hands. The bearer is Col. Scrimshaw, whom we have ordered to be sent to you,

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seeing those things which the King refers to him concern you about York, and we hope you will draw the truth from him. We send you copies of the letters taken with him, except two in cipher, one from the Duke of Richmond and the other from Thos. Elyot, and if these be got deciphered you shall have a copy of them. We desire to hear frequently from you, and to cause notice to be taken of the hour you receive our letters, and the hour you despatch the messengers, that if they be slow they may be punished. Signed by Visct. Say and Seale and J. Maitland, and sent by John Priestley at noon. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 147, 148. *Copy*=¾ *p.*]

June 20. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We are certainly informed by intercepted letters that Prince Rupert's army is in great straits for want of powder, which is to be furnished to him from Bristol by way of Monmouth and Shrewsbury, and he is to have 20 barrels from Worcester, whereof we have thought fit to advertise you that you may use the best means you can to prevent the same [being effected]. Mr. Swinfenn earnestly pressed for money to be sent you, which was heretofore reported to the House [of Commons], and is by them referred to a committee for their special care therein. Signed as above, and sent by Sir W. Waller's messenger at noon. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 148, 149. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 20. Derby House. The same to Robt. Earl of Warwick. We understand by intercepted letters that Prince Rupert's army is in great straits for want of powder, for supply whereof he is to be furnished by sea from Ireland, whereof we thought fit to give you notice, that you might use the best means in your power for preventing thereof. Signed as above, and sent to Mr. Coytmore by Mr. Binding. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 149. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 20. Derby House. The same to the same. We have received intelligence that the Mary and Anne, of Aldborough, laden with coals by Patrick Niccolls, was taken in Aldborough road on the 16th inst. whilst at anchor, the merchants, mariners, and all the rest being at sermon. The ship of 300 tons was taken by Capt. Allen in one of the King's frigates now belonging to Falmouth. She had in her packets for the Scottish Commissioners from the Lord Chancellor, Lords Lauderdale and Warriston, and Mr. Stewart, besides other particular letters, and is now bound for Falmouth. We desire you to look after her, especially because of these letters. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 149, 150. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

June 20. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We received yours of the 18th from Evesholme [Evesham], with the intercepted letters enclosed, and very much approve your taking copies of them. We have sent intelligence out of them into the north and other parts, and will make the best use of them we can, as we are sure you will also do. You inform us that you will apply yourself to the service of the west. We suppose you will have received our yesterday's letter before this, and desire that you would observe our directions to follow the forces with the King wheresoever they shall go, or if the

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King stay about Oxford that you will send for the forces mentioned in our letters. We desire you to send Col. Skrimshire to the armies before York from one garrison to another, and have herewith sent letters with blanks for you to send to such garrisons as you think fit. Sent by Waller's messenger, who brought his of the 18th inst. [*Ibid., p.* 150. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 21. Paris. George Lord Goring to Sir E. Nicholas. I must confess that the untimely accidents as they are believed with you in England have rendered me very unfit to stay longer upon this haunt, but that they have caused the least ill success to his Majesty's affairs here [in France], I must most humbly beg their Majesties' pardon if I be of another opinion, as I am confident this Queen [mother, Anne of Austria] and Cardinal [Mazarine] will testify under their hands for me, which is offered me. Designs of the late Cardinal [Richelieu] now again revived in this time of our distraction. So high an opinion entertained on the Continent of the Rebels' forces and of our [the Royalists'] weakness, that [none] dare declare for us, for fear lest the burden of our war might solely rest upon their shoulders. He lives not who more desires a union [with this State] than myself, as well in reason as inclination, but under present circumstances such a thing is not to be thought of, nor anything like it by any considerable assistance you are yet to look for from hence. Hopes his experiences may give some light to his successor, to whom he wishes better conduct than his predecessor, who spurred too fast in so foul ways. Unless you look thoroughly to your affairs, I think these pretending relief to the oppressed Catholics will cut you out such work, before you be aware, as the best you can expect against your present enemies will fall short of enabling you to welcome it. Proposals made to this Queen [mother, of France] and State to intervene in the affairs of [the Low Countries]. I have naught else to accomplish but to accompany Captain Slingesby, who by the assistance of Mr. Sands is to be employed about despatching the business of the jewels, for raising more money on them by changing the hands in which they are placed, which the writer considers impossible. For me at this age, who have served his Majesty in this quality here, and as yet bearing the character I do in his service at home in several kinds, to take such a journey only on such terms, I had rather beg my bread or else starve. I shall make up all my accounts so plain and just as he shall read and understand them running, and the 3,000*l.* I borrowed of Mr. Webster upon my own account, which as it appears upon Mr. Sands and Capt. Slingesby's unexpected coming he then put upon their Queen's, shall be no obstruction thereunto. Disapproves of these questionable proceedings merely to put the great collar of rubies into Mr. Sands' hands to serve transport of arms, which was so thoroughly contracted for by me without, and often since acted upon. I beseech you, Sir, to think of me, now bereft of all real and titular credit, how I shall get off then, having only received 3,000 pistoles, which is very little more than 2,000*l.* sterling, and that all spent in coming from Oxford hither, as appears upon account,

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with the train I had, and in furnishing myself with coach and horses, though as moderate as ever I had. I have been here now near 7 months merely upon credit, and so could I have held on 17 more, if not handled as I have been. I blush at writing hereof, but necessity has as little law as remedy. I see myself undone in all kinds, but as I said before of my other sufferings I will bear it. I pray God send his Majesty no worse affection than mine, how weak soever are my expressions. The two particulars commanded me by Lord Digby for renewing the league and encouraging merchants to bring [arms and ammunition?] shall be most punctually and effectually obeyed in all circumstances. For the first I have already demanded audience, which is granted me, and for the second I have not been wanting to employ all the poor credit I had, which in this one contract comes to 20,000*l.*, without any other security than my bare word that these 2,000 [swords?] and 20,000 muskets shall be taken off their hands, which if well paid for, together with those formerly sent hence, doubt you not of enough of this nature; but then you will be pleased to beseech his Majesty to employ fewer in the service, and such as are his immediate agents upon the place. I have been twice with her Majesty [Henrietta Maria] here about the debt for which Dr. Bispam and Mr. Greene, very honest diligent men, were entrusted. She took all the papers with her own hand after the receipt of his Majesty's letter, and as she promised, delivered them with full recommendation to the Count de Brienne, who, at first, upon perusal of the whole business gave us a very good answer but since as froward; the reason is that the bond as signed for that debt is certainly received, and as we are credibly given to understand, by such as will not easily part with it, but of this more by the next, for I have written to Lord Digby. I shall not, without much prejudice to his Majesty's affairs, leave this place till first I hear again from Lord Digby and yourself, this Prince having used me at my last conference with such singular kindness and deep professions of friendship. If so be, as I have expressed to Lord Digby, their Majesties may be inclined to give me leave to pass the compliment to this Prince of precedency as all other states do; and if you can give such a remarkable blow to their rebels as they may not fear their taking our whole war upon their shoulders, which is the principal and most weighty argument with them why they engage themselves no deeper with us; clear but these two points and we make sure of them; without which all will ravel to naught again. Exceptions are taken against me for this intercepted letter or proposition, which I will justify in all but not ciphering that letter. Did you but see what fencing we had for a Thursday's meeting before their resolution of setting down before Gravelines you would wonder and wonder again. Pity me a little rather than altogether undervalue my negotiation amidst all these cross blows and distempers of all sorts. I am still where I was, for their Majesties are not coming hither, let Will Crofts be of what opinion he please to the contrary. All things in these foreign parts hang upon such slender threads as I would

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be loth England should change condition with them as low as it is, for if they here once fell to pieces it would not be easy to piece them again. God bless his Majesty and send sweet England peace, and then little shall I trouble myself for my own particular, how ruined soever. I had all from his Majesty, and he hath all again. It is here yet believed his Majesty is in a very ill posture and his arms ill-guided, but if all be true that my intelligence gives me, I cannot be of that mind. I beseeeh you and Lord Digby to compare my letters and then you will know even what I think. Your son shall not part from me, who is now my transcriber, and I will tender him as my own. By your next pray let me know the worst there conceived of me. This is like to be my last act, and I will not come off this stage with shame; the world is wide, and I no stranger in it. Take especial notice of Mons. Masseray, Sir Richard Browne's secretary, when he comes, as he has done and is yet like to do the King excellent service. P.S.—I send my dear friend Sir Sackville Crow's petitions to his Majesty which I desire you to further. [*The original of this letter, chiefly in cipher, is in the French Correspondence.*]

June 21. 21. Inventory of pepper, sugar, alum, hops, Segovia wool, and Canary urns sold at Weymouth. [1 *p.*] *Dorso,*

21. 1. *This is the true inventory of the sale at Weymouth on or about the* 21*st of June last, appearing by the inventory to be* 244 *bags of Segovia wool, valued at* 1,000*l.* [*&c.*] *delivered within two days after the sale by Doctor Dorislaus to me, John Potter.* [$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

June 21. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Henry Vane, senr., Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord General's letter of 17th inst., with the articles and the letters of the Commissioners, be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Solicitor St. John respectively. 2. To acknowledge Sir Wm. Waller's of the 19th inst., and write confirming our former resolutions for following the King. Afternoon.—Ordered, 3. That 10*l.* be given to Mr. Price for his journey to the Lord General in addition to the 10*l.* formerly given. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 103.]

June 21. Midnight. Sainthurst [Sandhurst, co. Gloucester ?]. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. I have received yours of the 18th, containing the account of Lord Denbigh's forces in his present employment northward, and the relieving of Lyme Regis, and another of the 19th, wherein you command me to attend His Majesty's march, with a noble offer of some additional forces. I gave you an account from Evesham how I had pursued the enemy hither in his retreat to Oxford, but finding they had gained so much ground before me, that it was impossible for me to reach them, I thought fit to give over the chase and apply myself to the service of the west, not doubting but that his Excellency, according to the orders, would draw up to Oxford. But hearing no certainty of that since, and being informed that his

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Majesty had drawn a fresh force out of Oxford and was advanced to Witney, and his horse near Burford, I resolved to alter my course, and before the receipt of your letter I had given order for my march towards Cirencester, where I should quickly see what countenance the enemy would hold, and might be ready to act according to the present opportunity. I am very much confirmed by your letter, and resolve to move accordingly. I shall instantly send for those several forces, that what we do may be done with the least hazard. I would that you should direct your commands to them to join with me, as likewise to Colonel Massey, who promised me 1,100 men, but I never yet saw one. I sent you by two several messengers diverse intercepted letters, by the first the originals, by the second the copies. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 65, 66. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 21. Melcombe Regis. The Lord General Essex to the same. Enclosed I send you copies of diverse letters of importance, the originals of which I have sent to both Houses. I intend to-morrow to march towards Lyme Regis to drive the enemy from thence, who hovers there, and see what impressions may be made in those parts, to which I must hasten the sooner because of the rage of the enemy, having taken all the care I can for this place by settling a trusty Governor in it, and leaving him a whole regiment to defend it, till the country comes in. If my soldiers be speedily supplied with money and myself with arms for such of the county as come in to me, I shall hope the work may be worth the wages. I herewith send a particular of what I have taken in this place; most of the arms I leave with the Governor for the service of the town, and many of my own being unfixed and broken persuades me to remind you of that particular. The ammunition, of which I have often expressed a want, found here, I am forced to dispose much thereof for this place and Lyme Regis. P.S.—I send you a copy of a paper that was delivered me by a servant of Mr. James Hannum. *Ibid., pp.* 66, 67. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 21. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received yours of the 18th instant from Evesham with the intercepted letters, and of the 19th from Pershore with the duplicates of the same. You inform us you will apply yourself to the service of the west. We conceive ours of the 19th and 20th are come to your hands, wherein we desired you to follow the forces with the King, or if they should stay about Oxford that you would send for the forces mentioned in our former letters. The alteration of affairs has no ways altered our counsels, but rather confirmed our resolutions, and therefore we still desire that you will apply yourself to attend the King's forces whether they remain where they are or depart, and shall use our best endeavours for speeding away the pay for your army. Signed by Viscount Say and Sele and J. Maitland, and sent by Bulmer, 1 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 151. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 22. Oxford. 22. Sir E. Nicholas to Sir Gervase Lucas, Governor of Belvoir Castle. The King having been at Worcester, and by a party sent from thence beaten off the Earl of Denbigh from the siege of Dudley

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Castle, is safely returned into these parts. Some prisoners of Massey's men taken yesterday at Cirencester say that Waller being disappointed of Massey's assistance, he having so many garrisons in Gloucestershire to supply that he could not spare any force, lingers now about Evesham and Tewkesbury, not daring to follow the King's army, which by the access of those men who were left behind at the King's departure hence is now grown very strong. Yesterday the King withdrew from Witney in this county to Bletchington, and intends to go on to Buckingham, being strong both in horse and foot, and a good train of artillery. Brown, the woodmonger, is by an ordinance from the rebels at London made Major-General of Oxfordshire, and must reduce Basing, Greenland [house near Henley], Wallingford, Banbury, and Oxford to their subjection; but we conceive the least of them able to hold him [in] play for a good space, and make him pay dear for it. They keep up the people at London at their height of madness, but the leaders of that faction are not a little perplexed with Prince Rupert's successes. The Earl of Essex is in the west about Weymouth, we hear, and that town not being tenable was quitted by our forces, according to precedent order; the arms and other useful things there being first sent to Portland Castle and other places. 'Tis said Prince Maurice is risen from [the siege of] Lyme [Regis] and gone towards Exeter, whence by an express to-day we hear the Queen is safely delivered of a daughter [Henrietta]. [*Endorsed by Nicholas:* "This letter was to be sent by Mr. Priestman." *Seal with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

June 22. Wey[mouth]. 23. Joseph Juxon of Bristol, merchant, to Benjamin Whitcombe of London, merchant. The ill success of their business. The Advocate, Dr. Doreslaw, has sold the remainder of our goods to Colonel Harvey, Captain Batten, and others, at a very low rate; and if the business be narrowly looked into it will appear that the State is grossly abused, and you should do well to get a stay of those goods till an exact account be taken both of the quantity and quality, and so being compared with what they were sold at the business may the better appear to be full of connivance. Complains that the place of sale was changed without public notice. Relates the sale of 244 bags of Segovia wool, hops, sugar, nutmegs, cloves, and alum [*see above, June* 21, *No.* 21], a great part being formerly plundered by the soldiers, so that there is an utter riddance of all. I am now petitioning my Lord General for allowance for what I have disbursed, which I find difficult from his many occasions of a higher nature. I have given you a full relation of what passed here, and although I intimated both by myself and Col. Pindar that you were interested yet I could nought prevail. Show this letter to Mr. John Ash, who is very well able to judge how grossly underhand the wools were sold. P.S.—Since writing the above the Commissioners, being very sensible of the former abuses and complaints to my Lord General, have caused all former bargains to be void, and the wools are forthwith to be sent for London. Our goods are a great part lost and plundered, and what

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remains will be sent for London, where I hope you will recover it. [*Endorsed:* "Mr. Benjamin Whitcomb of London, merchant, delivered this letter to the Committee [for Customs ?], 28 June, as a letter written to him by Joseph Juxon of Bristol, merchant, but now in the north." *Seal with device.* 2 *pp.*]

June 22. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Crew and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Nicolls and Mr. Trenchard be desired to be here at 2 p.m., when two of the Commissioners of Excise to be present. 2. Col. Ven to attend on Monday. 3. To write to Lord Grey about the 300 foot to be sent to Lord Denbigh. 4. That the advice of this Committee be reported to the House [of Commons] for the immediate sending of 300 barrels of gunpowder, in addition to the same number formerly ordered, with 1,000 round shot, for supply of the northern armies. 5. That Lord Fairfax's letter of the 18th inst. be reported to the House on Monday by Sir Arthur Haselrigg or Mr. St. John. 6. That the Earl of Manchester's letter of the 18th be reported to both Houses by Lord Wharton and Sir A. Haselrigg respectively. 7. That the letters and propositions between the three Generals and the Earl of Newcastle be reported to the House by Sir A. Haselrigg or Mr. Solicitor. 8. That a letter be written to the Parliament of Scotland or their Committees, giving notice of what is passed both Houses, for invitation of the forces now raising in Scotland. 9. That Mr. Bucknell be desired to be here on Thursday, when the Emperor's Resident will send some person to attend at the same time. 10. That the business proposed to this Committee by the Spanish Ambassador be taken into consideration on Monday. 11. To write to Sir John Gell to send 400 horse and as many foot as he can spare to the Earl of Denbigh. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 103, 104.]

June 22. Derby House. The same to Lord Grey. By ours of the 13th you were desired to send 200 horse to such rendezvous as the Earl of Denbigh should appoint, and in the same letter should have been inserted 300 foot besides, which we now desire you to send that the service intended be not hindered, the importance of which we explained in our former letter Signed by Visct. Say and Sele and Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Crispe 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 151. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

June 22. Derby House. The same to Sir John Gell. We sent to you for 500 foot and the like number of horse, which we believed you could have spared because you offered so many upon another expedition, but if you cannot spare so many then we desire you to send 400 horse and what foot you can spare. We refer you to our former letter for the reasons of the importance of this service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 152. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

June 23. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs.

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Crew and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To advise Sir W. Waller of the King's march to Buckingham, and to desire him to follow with all expedition. 2. That the gentlemen of the Eastern Association be desired to be here at 6 p.m. 3. To advertise the Committee of Cambridge of the King's march that way, and to desire them to look to themselves. To assure them that Sir W. Waller is ordered to march after, and will be with them in a few days. 4. The like to Lynn, Yarmouth, and the Isle of Ely. 5. To notify to the Committee of both kingdoms at York the King's march towards the Eastern Association. 6. That Mr. Solicitor do report to the Commons that the House do take into consideration the ordinance touching the Earl of Manchester's Association. 7. That it be recommended to the Committee of the Militia by Lord Wharton and Mr. Recorder to send presently one or two regiments of the Trained Bands [of London] under the command of General Major Browne. 8. That Major-General Browne do presently go to Hertford with such of his forces as are now ready. 9. That a letter be written to the Committee at Hertford to signify Major-General Browne's marching to Hertford with three regiments for their assistance. 10. That Sir Gilbert Gerard's regiment of Middlesex do forthwith march to Hertford under the command of Major-General Browne. 11. That letters be written to the Committees of Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 104, 105.]

June 23. Leaguer before York. Sir Henry Vane [junr.] to the Committee of both kingdoms. By my last sent through Mr. [Edmund] Prideaux [Postmaster General], I acquainted your Lordships with the resolution of the Committee of both kingdoms here [with the armies] and of the Generals to send out a force of horse and foot from hence to join with the Lancashire forces, and attend the movements of Prince Rupert in case he had marched southward to the aid of the King, or hazard of Sir Wm. Waller's forces. Since which time, they having understood from your Lordships the state of affairs in the south and of the King's returning to Oxford with Sir W. Waller following, as also that the Earl of Denbigh is appointed with all the force he can march to come to the relief of Lancashire, they have hereupon thought fit to write to the Earl of Denbigh to hasten his march, in order that, being joined by such a force of horse and foot as they can spare from hence [the leaguer before York] and the Lancashire forces, the army thus formed may deal with Prince Rupert, and yet the siege of York be continued, in case Prince Rupert should still delay his coming hither, which they had rather he should notwithstanding hasten, in order that they might deal with him with their united force than with a divided one. Prince Rupert with all his foot and horse, about 11,000, has his rendezvous this night at Preston, which looks [as though he would come] this way, though it be conceived he will not advance yet awhile, which makes it very questionable whether we should go and attack him in Lancashire, blocking up this city still, or stay until he come into Yorkshire nearer to us; to which I find little other resolution than to wait upon the occasion,

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and to do as they shall find cause upon fresh intelligence either one way or other. Mr. White is returned from Lancashire, who brings us word there are 4,000 foot and about 4,000 horse, which will be ready to join with us out of Lancashire besides Lord Denbigh's forces. So as we hope if Lord Denbigh make haste, we may be able to [make our] attempt upon Prince Rupert without raising the siege here or staying for his attempting upon us. The Earl of Leven told us this night that he heard for certain the Earl of Callender with his army is marched into England, which at this time is not unseasonable. I intend by Saturday to wait upon your Lordships, and by word of mouth to give you a just particular of affairs here. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 67, 68. *Copy* = 1½ *pp.*]

June 23. Portland Road. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. That they would please give Mr. Peters a hearing, as he is going up to London to attend the Parliament with some advertisements concerning the state of affairs here, and with some informations of what the Lord General requires to be sent after him into the west. Here is nothing of importance fallen out since my last. I am yet attending this road, hoping that Weymouth will be quickly settled, which will give me an opportunity with more freedom to aid his Excellency in his attempts for the service of the State, to whom I shall ever be faithful as also to your commands. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 69. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 23. Leaguer before York. The Earls of Lindsay, Leven, and Manchester, Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, and Sir H Vane, junr., to the same. We received yours of the 18th and 20th present this day. We heartily thank you for the frequent advertisements of the condition of affairs there, and will avail ourselves of every opportunity to keep the like correspondence with you. Our present condition is not much altered from what it was at the last account we gave you thereof. Our resolutions with relation to Prince Rupert's forces you will understand by this enclosed copy of our letter to the Earl of Denbigh. We have nothing to add for the present but that you may rely upon our exertions in the cause and endeavours for the speedy ending of these troubles. [*Ibid.* *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 23. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Hertford. We have seen your letters to the Lord Mayor and Committee of the Militia, and for your better encouragement can inform you that Major-General Brown to-night or to-morrow will march for Herts. with three regiments, which, with those forces raised in the Associated counties, we hope will be able to stop the forces now marching against you, till Sir Wm. Waller come up, to whom we have written to follow with all expedition. Signed by Philip Lord Wharton and John Lord Maitland, and sent by Mr. Lee, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 152. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Cambridge. We have received intelligence that the King with his army is on the march towards your Association, that on the 21st he was at Bicester, and on the 22nd at night he intended to be at Buckingham. Sir Wm. Waller

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has had order to follow those forces wheresoever they shall go, and we doubt not but in few days he will be with them. We desire you to give notice [of this] to the Association, and to rise with all the force of horse and foot that you can make and gather them immediately into a body, in order that they be not surprised, before Sir Wm. Waller can come up. We shall endeavour to send besides other forces for your relief. Meanwhile you had better secure the arms of those of whom you are not assured, and put all the horses into safe places that the enemy may not serve themselves to them. Even now we are informed that Sir W. Waller is on the rear of the King's army within six miles of him. The Hertfordshire forces are at Hertford, and General Major Browne is marching thither with the City forces, and other forces under his command, besides the Essex forces are speedily to be drawn thither. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 153. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 23. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have written to you by several letters to follow the King's army, and again desire you to do so with all possible expedition, as he is now marching into the Eastern Association. Their numbers are variously reported from 8,000 to 12,000, with 10 to 14 pieces of artillery, said to be short ones. The Association, we fear, is very unprovided, because this impression upon those parts is unexpected, therefore we desire you to make all speed and to let us know of your motions. We have not heard from you since the 19th from Pershore. The forces under Col. Browne and others that are being raised within the Association shall be ready for your assistance, and they will rise with so much the more readiness if they hear of your speedy approach. The preservation of that Association is of very great consequence, for if that be spoiled the Earl of Manchester's army will be dissolved for want of pay, besides the distressing thereby of the City of London, and the enriching and recruiting of the enemy in those counties which have hitherto been unplundered. We therefore desire you to take this into your especial care. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Newman, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 154. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms in the army before York. We received yours of the 17th inst., and to-day intelligence came that upon Friday, 21st, the King marched from Oxford to Bicester, where he lay that night, and was yesterday at Buckingham, intending, as is supposed, for the Earl of Manchester's Association. The strength of his forces is variously reported of, from eight to twelve thousand foot and horse. We have written to Sir Wm. Waller to follow him with all expedition, and the forces that are to go forth under command of General Major Browne are in preparation. Some of his forces are to march this night or to-morrow, who, with the assistance of the forces that can be presently raised in the Associated Counties, we hope will be able to keep off the impression till Sir Wm. Waller come up. Signed as above, and delivered by Mr. Cheeseley [*Ibid., p.* 155. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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[June 24.] 24. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons for the satisfaction of divers merchants well affected to the State, whose goods have been taken at sea and disposed of for the use and service of the Commonwealth [*see Commons' Journals iii.*, 540]. Enumeration of the merchants who are to receive compensation, and the amount each is to receive; the total amount to be paid for their satisfaction is 7,375*l.* [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]

[June 24.] 25. Another copy of the same. [2⅔ *pp.*]

[June 24.] 26. Another copy. [1⅔ *pp.*]

June 24. Indenture of lease between Allan Currance, Esq., of London, and John Flack, of Wimbish, Essex, demising to the latter certain closes of arable, pasture, and wood lands, called the Frythes, containing 44 acres, lying in Wimbish, late in the occupation of George Collin, in consideration of the rent and covenants herein specified, as also his lands called Stonylands, containing 18 acres, also in Wimbish, late in the tenure of Edw. Webb. [*Dorso:* "Mem.—That whereas this indenture expires on the 24th June 1665, it is hereby agreed that Flack may continue to hold the said lands till Michaelmas next ensuing, performing the within written covenants; also that Flack is to be allowed yearly 10*s.* during his term towards a certain way which he has hired leading to the premises." *Skin of parchment. Case F, No.* 13.]

June 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Committee of Kent's letter of the 20th inst. be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Browne. 2. That the letters touching the movements of the King's army be reported to the Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Browne respectively. 3. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] that this Committee had appointed the forces under Major-General Browne to march to Hertford for the defence of that Association; that those forces will not march without money for a month's pay as was promised them; that the Committee of Bucks, Berks, &c., have been treated with for that purpose, whose answer was that they were a Committee by ordinance for those counties, and could not dispose of those moneys to any other purpose than for those for which they were a Committee. 4. That it is not the intention of this Committee that any of the forces at Greenland House shall be called away except only Capt. Temple's troop of horse. And that Major-Genl. Browne shall command all the forces that shall come to the rendezvous at Hertford, both of the City of London and the counties. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. That the state of the money from the Excise for the armies of the Lord General [Essex] and Sir W. Waller be reported to the House [of Commons] by Sir G. Gerard or Mr. Solicitor. That 12,300*l.* from the proceeds of the Excise and the rest to make it up 20,000*l.* from the monthly assessment in

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London and Middlesex and from Haberdashers' Hall is ready to be sent away to the Lord General's army. That there is also 10,000*l.* ready to be sent to Sir William Waller which is to be advanced out of the Excise, the payment whereof depends upon propositions to be first passed by the Houses. 6. That the letters concerning the ship called "the Tiger" be carried by Mr. Weckherlin to the Committee of the Navy, and to let the Magistrate of Rotterdam now present know that this Committee will endeavour to put the business to a speedy issue. 7. That letters be written to the Committee of both kingdoms in the north recommending to them the propositions of the fishermen of Yarmouth and the rest of that coast to have protection from the ships that are [said] to be upon the coast of Scotland, and to send enclosed the propositions. 8. That Captain Bird's troop march to Hertford for the service of the Association. 9. That a letter be written to Col. Norton to bring his regiment of horse to St. Albans and all the horse that are at Basing, except those of Sir Richard Onslow and of the garrison of Farnham, which this Committee conceives sufficient for the defence of the foot that are there from any forces of the enemy in those parts. 10. That a letter be written to Mr. Wallop to put on this service. 11. That a letter be written to Capt. Saville to march with his troop of horse to St. Albans. 12. That letters be written to Col. Purefoy, Major Bridges, and Col. Barker, who were desired to go to Sir W. Waller, that if they have not joined with him then to go to Northampton and to advise this Committee of their being there. 13. That Capt. Ayscough's horse be called up for this service. 14. That Major-General Browne shall be commander-in-chief of the forces raised for this service. 15. To write to Sir W. Waller confirming our former letter. 16. That a letter be sent to the Committee of Kent to desire them to send a troop of horse and a company of dragoons for this service, of those that are nearest these parts. 17. That a letter of thanks be written to the Committee of Hertford for their information to this Committee. 18. To notify to the Earl of Denbigh the design of sending forces against Prince Rupert. 19. That Mr. Solicitor acquaint the House with the design of sending a competent strength of forces against Prince Rupert. Also that the House will take into consideration the payment of the Lancashire forces which are to join with these forces. 20. That Messrs. Avery and Thomason do demand those goods, which were ordered to be delivered them by this Committee, once more, and make report to this Committee. 21. That Lord Wharton be desired to reply to Col. Martin. 22. That the following answers be returned to the several propositions made to this Committee by the Committee of the Associated counties:—1. That Major-General Browne shall be commander-in-chief over the forces raised for this service. 2. That this Committee has given order for a considerable number of horse to come to their assistance. 3. That this Committee has written several times heretofore to Sir W. Waller to follow the King's forces, and have this day renewed the order upon occasion of the King's marching toward the Associated counties. 4. That there are some drakes and field pieces with Major-General Browne, and more shall be assigned as there shall be occasion.

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5. That the general rendezvous shall be where the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint. 6 and 7. That the Committee for the Associated counties do call out of Suffolk and adjoining parts about 3,000 [soldiers] for securing the town of Cambridge, and for which they are to make provision. 8 and 9. That this Committee doth approve of their sending orders to the counties, and directions to the deputy-lieutenants for raising the trained bands. And what further propositions the Committee for the Associated counties shall propound to this Committee they will endeavour to give them satisfaction in, especially now while their forces under the command of the Earl of Manchester are employed elsewhere in the service of the State. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 105–107.]

June 24. Weymouth. Martin Pindar, W. Herbert, and John Potter to the Committee of both kingdoms. Hoping you have received our last of 16th June from Dorchester, we shall proceed to acquaint you with what has followed. Upon Sunday the 16th present there came four burgesses of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis to treat with his Excellency the Lord General touching the surrendering of those towns, but their conditions being high, upon denial, they condescended to yield upon quarter and to have leave for the officers to march out with their horses and swords, the common soldiers with sticks, and that no tax should be imposed by his Excellency upon the town for delinquency. Accordingly next day at 2 p.m. the enemy marched out, about 400, and forthwith proclamation was made that upon pain of death every man should bring in to the Court-of-Guard and the Town Hall before sunset what arms and ammunition they had. Next day to hasten the business a narrow search for arms, &c., was made through the town, whereby many were found and brought into the magazine. On Wednesday, by the Lord General's invitation, the like care was taken by us in the discovery of what was in the ships for store and provision, and whence some quantities of gunpowder and arms were had, the particulars and disposures of which we will present to your Lordships. Being possessed of Weymouth his Excellency rode towards Sandisford Castle by the sea half a mile from the town, and opposite to the castle of Portland; upon summons after three hours it was rendered. But [Col.] Ashburnham, receiving a summons both from his Excellency and the Lord Admiral, was so little sensible of the Divine Providence which so apparently thwarted his hopes, and so far pursued his rebellion, that in lieu of surrendering he sent a stomachful letter to them and fell to persuasion of their revolt, which with the unmartial detention of the trumpet all night raised the indignation of all that heard it. [The town of] Wareham also was summoned, but beat in again with the loss of ten men slain or taken prisoners. The summons being the fourth day after our possession of Weymouth, gave the enemy opportunity to victual and prepare for a siege, which undoubtedly had been prevented by a speedier attempt, but the horse it seems had suffered formerly too hard duty. On Thursday his Excellency appointed us to go to Dorchester with Mr. Cheynel, and together waiting upon Sergeant-Major-General Skippon we required the Major to issue

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forth his Excellency's warrants for train, horses, and money formerly collected for the King, but not paid in, as also dispersing his mandates to the five hundreds of this county to appear next day; which day we went with Mr. Peters, the minister, to Dorchester again, who made an excellent speech to the country, setting before them the miseries of the war, and that now God offered them an opportunity to free themselves from the barbarous intruders, and whereby to give a quick and happy period to these intestine troubles, which by holding up their hands was unanimously liked and expressed [them to be] favourers of the Parliament. In like sort the Lord Field Marshal made an elegant speech to about 300 countrymen who came to Weymouth to be entertained as soldiers, which ended with a general applause of those that heard it. This day the Earl of Newport came aboard the Admiral's ship here riding at anchor, having been wafted from Exmouth by Capt. Hall in the Antelope. My Lord [General] has made Col. Sydenham Governor, a gentleman of approved courage and industry; he has begun new fortifications upon the north-east point, his intention is to purge the town of malignants in time convenient, and therefore it is desired that those gentlemen of his acquaintance may be appointed officers of the Customs, being known to be able men and honest to the Parliament. We will forbear to trouble you at this time any further, for that we have desired Capt. Potter to repair herewith to present the Committee with a fuller and more satisfactory narration of these and other businesses. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 70–72. *Copy.* 2¼ *pp.*]

June 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Serjeant-Major Ireton, Deputy Governor in the Isle of Ely. The condition of your Isle is such as we doubt not it will be easily defended against a greater force than is drawing that way, if care be taken of the passes, but is of as dangerous consequence if it should come into the enemy's hands. We therefore desire you to use all possible care to raise all your forces both of horse and foot and to secure and disarm all those of whose fidelity you are not assured, and to make good the passes for awhile till Sir Wm. Waller shall come up, who has had order to follow those forces wherever they shall go, and we doubt not but in few days he will be with them. We know your own concernment herein is such that there need be no other argument to persuade your vigilance. Signed Northumberland and J. Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 155. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to Col. [Valentine] Walton. We believe you have before this received intelligence of the march of the King's forces towards that Association, and you also will know of what consequence it is that your town of Lynn Regis should continue in obedience to the Parliament. We therefore desire you to use your utmost care and diligence therein, and that you disarm and secure all those whose fidelity you suspect. We have appointed three regiments of the City of London to march toward them, together with other forces of Middlesex and other places, under the com-

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mand of Major-General Browne, and have written to the counties of the Association to raise immediately all their force of horse and foot. There will be this night a considerable force at Hertford. We have ordered Sir W. Waller to follow the enemy wheresoever they go, and we hear that he is within few miles of their rear. We do not think that they can come anything near to your parts. Yet we desire you so to secure that town that there may be no invitation of their march that way. Signed as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 156. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. We have received yours of this day, and thank you for your advertisements, which we pray you continue. We have taken care and shall not omit anything which we can do for the safety of your Association. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by their own messenger, 5 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 157. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to Col. [Richd.] Norton. We believe you have before this heard that the King's forces are marched into the Eastern Association, who by reason their forces, especially horse, are at York with the Earl of Manchester, are in a naked condition to resist the enemy's forces, which consist principally of horse, whereby those who have shown so great affection to the service will not only be plundered and spoiled, which is the more to be considered for that their danger grows through the absence of their own forces now elsewhere in the service of the State, but the enemy will also be both enriched and recruited from those countries. We therefore desire to give them all the assistance we can, and have ordered supplies of foot, but there being no horse in these parts, of which they are chiefly in want, we desire you to march with all expedition with your regiment of horse, and all the horse that are about Basing; those of Sir Richd. Onslow and of the garrison of Farnham excepted. You are to proceed to St. Alban's, where you shall receive further orders. Signed as above, and sent by Binding, 9 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 157, 158. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We wrote to you on the 19th, desiring you to march toward Manchester and join with those forces if you could, and to keep the passes, in order to stop Prince Rupert's march out of Lancashire till you should have further assistance out of Yorkshire, as by our letter you will perceive. For your better encouragement therein we have sent you the resolve of the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army before York and of the Lord Generals there. That after consultation had they have thought it absolutely necessary, and accordingly resolved:—That for preventing Prince Rupert's march towards Sir W. Waller such forces of horse and foot shall be sent with speed from those before York and in Yorkshire into Lancashire, as may be able to fight with Rupert and attend his movements. This resolve was upon the 19th, and we trust there has been such expedition used in the execution thereof that they are before

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this well on the way. Signed as above, and sent by John Arnold, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 158. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. Yours of the 21st from [Saint-Hurst [Sandhurst?] came to hand this night, and though the Committee be risen yet so many of us as be here have thought fit to let you know that we exceedingly approve of your resolutions therein expressed. We notice how great an opportunity lies now before you to meet with the enemy, who is marched from Oxford to Buckingham and these parts with intention to fall upon the Associated counties, who with very great cheerfulness gather themselves in considerable numbers to oppose them, having the assistance of General-Major Browne with three regiments. It will give great encouragement to them to hear of your speedy march, and if you could get betwixt the enemy and Oxford we are in hopes you might not only preserve the Associated counties from spoil and plunder, but by improvement of the present advantage do good execution upon the enemy and hinder their retreat to Oxford, which we doubt not you will use your best endeavours to preserve, and so again recommend you to use all possible haste. Signed Northumberland and J. Maitland, and sent by J. Arnold, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 159. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 24. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. We have just now by an express from Sir W. Waller received intelligence that he is upon his march with all speed for these parts, and that he has sent to all the garrisons by the way which we had appointed to join with him to be ready to fall in with him on his march. So we are well assured that he is by this time between the King's forces and Oxford. We desired to speedily advertise you hereof for the better encouragement of your forces. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Potter, 11 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 160. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 24. The same to the Committee at Cambridge. Of the same tenor as the preceding. [*Minute. Ibid.*]

June 25. 27. Bond of Richard Coulson and Thomas Mellson, husbandmen, and Nicholas Austen and William Coulson, yeomen, of Weston, co. Lincoln, to John Hunt, Serjeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons, in 100*l.* For the appearance of Richard Coulson and Thomas Mellson before the Committee of the Commons for Examinations on July 6 next. [*Latin and English. Four seals with devices.* ½ *p.*] *Enclosed,*

27. I.–III. *Return of tickets delivered by William Coulson and James Hart on the 3rd, 17th, 21st of November,* 1643, *stating the names of the people and the sums for which the tickets were given, and in whose hands they were left.* 1½ *p.*]

June 25. Amsterdam. John Webster to Sir Hugh Cholmley, Governor of his Majesty's castle of Scarborough. Replies to his letter received by Capt. Browne Bushell. Captain Percy, commander of your ketch the

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Charles, went hence in March last, and in this river was set upon by some Parliament ships, which chased him into Medemblik and there besieged him for some weeks, until his victuals was spent and his men mutinied. I, knowing that the ship belonged to you and was laden with your goods, lent him 200 guilders to set him to sea, which when he had employed his men again mutinied, so that I caused your goods to be landed at Medemblik; after that he again refitted his ship and took your goods on board to bring them to Scarborough, but contrary to the trust I reposed in him he sold the ship and goods to Captain Zacharie and Lawrence Coughen, of Amsterdam, and is with the money and my letters directed to the Lord Marquis gone to London. I am sorry for your loss, and that Captain Percy should be so false unto you. You desire me to effect an insurance of 600*l.* on the Minnekin of Scarborough. I have not formerly had any order to that effect, nor can I get any man to insure, unless I would say, what burden the ship is of, how provided, and when ready to depart, these people being very fearful to insure from that port. Accounts of wool and other merchandise sold. I have paid for arms sent by Capt. Percy 4,257*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, and 200 guilders Percy had for setting out his ship, so that there remains due to you the sum specified by the accompt. P.S.—Please notice that Mr. Wm. Watson has not and will not pay James Brooke's bill of exchange for 3,000 guilders, albeit the Violet of Scarborough arrived in safety, so I caused protest to be made, which was sent by Capt. Percy. Mr. Watson answered that Mr. Montford, of Rotterdam, should pay the money, but he declined, saying he expects order. I cannot advise you hereafter to take any of their bills, for of 20 not one doth pay, but some there be who give bills of exchange, and write to their friends not to pay them, which is a delusion. [2 *pp. In Holland Correspondence.*]

June 25. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To thank Sir W. Waller for his ready compliance with the orders of this Committee, and to acquaint him with the orders given to the Associated counties, and for Col. Norton with his horse to come to St. Alban's and to desire his [Waller's] advice how to dispose of them. 2. That Waller's letter be reported to the Commons by Mr. Pierrepont; and that this Committee is to write him a letter of thanks and to leave it to the House to do therein as they shall think fit. 3. That the Lord General's letters be reported to the House by Mr. Pierrepont, as also the enclosed papers if the Commons be pleased to call for them. Afternoon.—Ordered, 4. That this answer be returned to Mr. Gilbert's petition, that if anything were said to his disparagement at the Committee it did not now weigh with them, and that should he think fit he may take his course in law against those who have spoken to his prejudice. 5. That Sir G. Gerard do report to the House that in Middlesex there are 4,000 men, some armed, the rest arming, ready to be exercised, but stay for the passing of an ordinance. 6. That the

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order of both Houses making the Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax, Sir Thos. Fairfax, and Sir Wm. Constable Commissioners for the Committee to reside in the north be sent down to the army there. 7. To write to Aylesbury informing them that Sir W. Waller is in the rear of the King's army; as also that Lord Wharton has communicated their letter to this Committee. 8. That the Bread-street men's petition be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. 9. That the letter from Aylesbury touching arms be reported to the House by Sir G. Gerard. 10. To acquaint the Earl of Denbigh with the information sent to this Committee from Nottingham, that this Committee believes those [of Nottingham] desire his Lordship to spare them presently 100 horse, and when he may [dispense with their services] to send back the rest [of their forces]. 11. That Ralph Hardwick do deliver to Samuel Avery and George Thomason all such arms, ammunition, and other provisions for Ireland as are now in his custody. 12. That the note of the arms desired by Sir John Clotworthy be sent to the Committee at Grocers' Hall, who are to certify whether they do belong to him. 13. That it be recommended to the Committee of co. Cambridge to arm their men in the Associated counties and to appoint commanders over them so as to be ready for service. 14. That a letter be written to the Committee of Kent [signifying] that this Committee understands that the Militia of that county is divided into five lathes, whereof one is not yet settled, To desire them to settle it as they think fit in these times of danger. 15. That a letter of thanks be written to Sir Thos. Barrington. 16. That a letter be written to the Earl of Manchester signifying the care of this Committee for preserving of his Association and enclosing the orders of the Houses, whereby his Lordship, Lord Fairfax, Sir Thos. Fairfax, and Sir Wm. Constable are added to the Committee appointed to join with the Committee of the Estates of Scotland. 17. That a letter be written to the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army] giving them notice of the posture of affairs here [in the south], enclosing the letter to the Parliament of Scotland and the orders [of the English Parliament] for the invitation of a further assistance [from Scotland]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 108, 109.]

June 25. Barnet. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I am now at Barnet with the two regiments, the White and Red Auxiliaries, and six pieces of ordnance. The Blue regiment is not yet come to us, having refused to march without a month's advance. The whole three regiments, if together, will not amount to above 500. The enemy, as I am credibly informed, number 10,000, and as many horse as foot, quartering about Dunstable and Leyton [Leighton-Buzzard]. It is reported that of 3,000 countrymen who were gathered together at Hitchin 300 were not armed, and upon an alarm most ran away, nor can I hear of any considerable force to join with us hereabouts, and indeed I cannot imagine what we shall do to secure ourselves having no horse. If the design be thought considerable I desire more strength may be speedily sent us. Your pleasures I shall humbly await, and your orders obey,

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though to our utter ruin. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 72. *Copy*= ½ *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Martin. Lord Wharton communicated your letter to him to this Committee, and we thought fit, for your encouragement, to let you know that we have, by two expresses from Sir Wm. Waller, been assured that he is upon his march towards the King's forces. The last messenger left him on Sunday morning near Stow-on-the-Wold, co. Gloucester, and we believe that he is well advanced on his way since that time, and will be speedily in the rear of the King's forces, so as we believe they will not stay long there to trouble you, besides that both the whole Eastern Association hath taken the alarm, and are marching toward those forces in great numbers, and three regiments, with a train of artillery, are also sent from the City of London against those forces. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Durant at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 160, 161. *Copy*= ⅔ *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Chelmsford. We have received yours of the 24th from Chelmsford signifying your careful execution of what you so cheerfully undertook, for which we thank you and desire the prosecution thereof. We have full confidence in your perseverance, having experienced the great affection which both the whole Association, and your county in particular, have manifested to the public service. We are sensible of the vast expense you have been at, in raising and maintaining those great forces that are now abroad in the northern parts, and know that these present motions cannot be without considerable charge, which yet being undertaken with so much readiness and borne with such a cheerfulness much heightens your merit. For the present you have this fruit and return of your own good affections, that by the expense of a proportionable part imposed by yourselves, you shall not only, at this time, save the plunder and spoil of the whole, but by an effectual prosecution of the enemy, having by this alarm perhaps happily awakened you, to bring this unhappy and unnatural war to a good and speedy end, in the destruction of its causes. Your exemplary forwardness in this service does not require to be quickened by any further motives urged by this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Lea, 8 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 161, 162 *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. We received yours of the 23rd, and in ours of the same date gave you notice of the King's marching from Oxford to Buckingham. We do not as yet hear that he [the King] is far advanced from those parts, or entered with the body of his army into the Associated counties. By an express from Sir Wm. Waller we understand that upon Friday last he was at St. Hurst [Sandhurst?], most part of his foot lying 3 or 4 miles on this side of Gloucester, and that upon Saturday he was to begin his march this way with all possible expedition. By another express we are informed that upon Sunday morning he was to be at Stow-on-the-

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Wold. General Major Browne marched to St. Alban's with three of the City regiments, and the forces of the Associated counties do gather in considerable numbers with great cheerfulness to oppose the enemy. We have sent you here enclosed the orders of both Houses, whereby the Earl of Manchester, Lord Fairfax, Sir Thos. Fairfax, and Sir Wm. Constable are added to your number. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hutchins; delivered him by Mr. Cheeseley. [*Ibid., pp.* 162, 163. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We doubt not but that you have heard of the King's forces marching toward your Association, but as yet he has not entered into it. The counties take the alarm and come in in great numbers to their defence, and we have taken care to send both horse and foot to them, including three of the City regiments and a train of artillery. Sir Wm. Waller is also marching toward them with all possible haste, and we believe they will not long tarry in those parts, therefore we hope the Association will be in safety; the country comes cheerfully in, and we receive no complaints of the absence of their forces. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 163, 164. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. These are to acknowledge your welcome letters of the 21st and 22nd inst., and to present to you thanks from this Committee for your ready compliance with our necessary desires and directions at this time. Whereas the King's forces are bent on plundering and spoiling the counties of the Eastern Association, we hope they will be stopped in this, their inhuman design, by your resolute endeavours and the concurring assistance of the forces raised in those counties at Walden and Cambridge. The forces at St. Alban's under the command of Major-General Browne are on their march, as also Colonel Norton's regiment of horse. We doubt not but you will keep up such intelligence with these forces as the public interest may require. Signed as above, and sent by Durant, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 164, 165. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Since we appointed some forces from Nottingham to join your army, we have received a petition from divers in that county, who are very well affected to the Parliament, and a letter from the Committee there to a member of the [Commons'] House, both which we send herewith. We also hear from others there that the enemy has nine garrisons near them, that they have but few horses left, and can neither defend their country nor gain contributions for the necessary maintenance of their garrison without the aid of those horses now with you, which for the most part have been raised at the charge of particular men. We are necessitated to dispense with their foot, and being very sensible of the great loss that is like to come speedily on Nottinghamshire for want of horses, and of how great importance your design is, do recommend it to you that 100 of the Nottingham horse now with you may be dismissed at once, and the others as soon as you can spare them. By this means we hope the garrison will be

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enabled to subsist and yet your Lordship have some assistance from that country. It very much troubles us to have your forces lessened, knowing that they would be so well employed, yet we could not conceal from you the necessities of this country. Signed as above, and sent by Capt. White, 6 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 165, 166. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 25. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms resident in the Scottish army. This Committee has been informed that great spoil has been done to divers of the fishermen of Great Yarmouth and other parts on the eastern coasts. Divers of them have been taken, and their last North Sea voyage is like to be lost for this year, unless they have some assistance of protection, nor yet can they make provision for the herring fishing which is immediately to succeed this. If these voyages be hindered it would occasion not only great loss of provision of victuals so necessary in these times, but be a great discouragement to the merchants, owners of vessels, and seamen employed therein who deserve all encouragement in regard of the necessity that the State has upon all occasions of their service by sea. They desire protection of two of those ships which are to attend the coast of Scotland. We send enclosed the instructions which they desire should be given to those ships, and recommend it to you to do therein what the affairs of those coasts will suffer, Sent by Mr. Hutchins. [*Ibid., p.* 170. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 26. Oxford. 28. Sir E. Nicholas to Patrick Earl of Brentford and Forth, Lord General of the King's army. I received the enclosed this morning from Lord Hopton for you. I hear Waller looks towards Coventry and Northampton, as I have sent notice to the King. The Lords here will by no means part with the Queen's regiment of foot from hence. We shall this night despatch to you your two messengers who will acquaint you with all news. P.S.—The Earl of Essex is engaged before Portland Castle. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p.*]

June 26. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee at St. Alban's thanking them for their intelligence, and desiring its continuance. To send a blank commission for commanding all the forces of Herts, and to desire them to obey Major-General Browne. 2. That a letter be written to Major-General Browne to march so as may be most for the safety of the parts adjacent and of the public. To signify that he is to command the forces of the Eastern Association for the present. That we will endeavour with the Militia for the completing of his regiment and continuing of Major Underwood's troop with him. To continue intelligence with Sir Wm. Waller, and to give us continual advertisements. 3. That an answer be written to Sir Thos. Jervoise and three others in reply to theirs of the 25th, and to desire that Col. Norton's regiment of horse may march. 4. That a letter be written to Col. Norton to march according to his former

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directions. 5. That a letter be written to Sir Thos. Barrington and the rest of the Committee at Chelmsford for their forces to march toward Hertford, and there receive further orders from General Major Browne. To furnish themselves with ammunition for their march, and that they shall be furnished for the service when they shall come to the rendezvous. 6. To write to Major-General Browne to acquaint him with what is written to that Committee at Chelmsford. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 109, 110.]

June 26. At 8 a.m. Barnet. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. Immediately after I wrote to you last night I received intelligence by two of Herts. Committee from their scouts, that the enemy was sat down before Aylesbury and were playing with their great guns against it. This morning I am informed that the King's whole force are at and about Bucks, and in fight with Sir Wm. Waller, and that Sir Samuel Luke desires me to make speed thither. I attend your instructions whether I shall march at all, with the small force I have, and if so, whether I am to follow your first orders of marching to Hertford, which is quite [away] from the enemy, if there as aforesaid; and whether I shall have liberty hereafter to march as I may hear the enemy's motions are. The Blue regiment being now come, I am beating my drums and intend to march this night to St. Alban's, the direct way to Aylesbury, if you think it advisable, otherwise to do as I shall be commanded. Yesterday I borrowed of the Militia Major Underwood's troop to guard the ammunition hither; I shall make bold to take them with me this day's march and desire you to give them order to attend the further service with me, otherwise they will return back this night. I hear that Captain [Purbeck] Temple's troop is not far off. I desire your speedy resolution, and that you would send to quicken the counties hereabouts to join together and to hasten their march towards us. This messenger I have despatched purposely and am awaiting his return. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 72, 73. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 26. Oxhill. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received yours of the 23rd and 24th present, informing me of the receipt of mine of the 21st, since which I hope you have received another from Dowdeswell. I will not fail to give you frequent advertisements, and will prosecute this service with all possible diligence. I only desire to be excused from taking long marches, without rest sometimes, this extremely hot weather, especially with the foot, who are very much diminished and would quickly be ruined if I should not spare them as much as possible. The King had advanced his horse near Wellingborough, but upon intelligence that we were upon the march drew all back to Buckingham again. By the best intelligence we can get they are 10,000 horse and foot, 8 field pieces, 4 pieces of battery, and a great mortar piece. I am come to Oxhill, near Keynton [Kineton] field, and the foot are at Shepstone [Shipston-on-Stour], and purpose to march in the cool of the evening. I have received some supplies of horse and foot from

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Gloucester, Warwick, and Coventry. I desire that Major-General Browne and such forces of the Association as can be drawn into the field may march to Bedford, and I shall, by means of Sir Samuel Luke, direct a way how we may join. I beg that the promised month's pay may be sent down with Major-General Browne, as it will be a means to preserve this army from dissolving; I desire all expedition may be used in this. [*Ibid., p.* 74. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 26. The same to the same. These lines are a duplicate of the [above] letter, which I sent by Thos. Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute* = ½ *p.*]

June 26. York House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Thos. Jervoise, Knt., Robt. Wallop, Richd. Whitehead, and John Doddington, Esqrs. If your county were in such distress as these parts are to which we assign your horse we would have sent you relief, but now we fear the retarding of your forces may not only prove their utter undoing, but much more prejudicial to the public than you apprehended, for we fear that the forces sent from the City will not move far without them, and so Sir Wm. Waller may fight with the King without the assistance intended. We need say no more. Our desires are that your horse advance with all speed as formerly appointed, and so soon as the [public] affairs will permit they shall be returned with our best assistance for your further satisfaction. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Jennings, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 166. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

June 26. York House. The same to Col. [Richd.] Norton. By ours of the 24th you were desired to march with your regiment of horse into Herts., and we are still of the same mind. We desire you to prosecute those our directions with all expedition. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 166, 167. *Copy* = ⅓ *p.*]

June 26. York House. The same to the Committee at Chelmsford. Whereas directions were given for some of your forces to march to Cambridge, now for that we hear no more of the advance of the King's forces thither, we desire you to send them to Hertford, where they will receive further orders from Major-General Browne, to whom we have written for that purpose. As for ammunition, we desire you to furnish yourselves for your march, and when you arrive with the General you shall receive supplies. Signed as above, and sent by their own messenger, 8 p.m. [*Ibid, p.* 197. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 26. York House. The same to the Committee at St. Alban's. We thank you for your advertisements, which we desire you to continue. We have appointed Col. Browne Major-General of all the Eastern forces for this present service, and he is to take care of your forces, which are to be commanded by him. According to your desire we send you a blank commission for a Commander-in-Chief for your own forces, [who is] to be subject to the superior commander. We recommend to you as a person fit for that service Sir John Witteronge. We entreat you to continue your endeavours, both by scouts and otherwise, to discover the enemy's movements, and to impart your intelligence to us. We shall be ready to contribute

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our assistance for your and the public safety. P.S.—We desire you to keep correspondence with Sir Wm. Waller, and impart to him your intelligence. [*Ibid., pp.* 167, 168. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

June 26. York House. The same to Col. [Richd.] Browne. We received yours from Barnet, and concerning your liberty of marching, we desire you to observe the enemy's movements, and exercise your judgment to take such advantages as may best conduce to the safety of the adjacent country and the public generally. We are to advertise you that you are appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in the Eastern Association for the present, and they are to obey your orders, which we desire you to take care of. We shall use our best endeavours with the Militia for completing your regiments. We desire you likewise to keep good intelligence with Sir W. Waller. We will speak to the Militia of London for the continuance of [Capt.] Underwood's troop with you. We desire you to keep us informed of your proceedings. Signed as above, and sent by Capt. Innis, 7 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 168, 169. *Copy*=⅔ *p*].

June 27. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Crew and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter of thanks be written to Sir Samuel Luke for his constant advertisements, and to send enclosed the marks that Timothy Bourne has left here to see if Sir Samuel can take notice of him. 2. That Capt. Potter be desired to put in writing what he knows touching the goods taken at Weymouth, and concerning Dr. Dorislaus. 3. That a letter be written to the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army] enclosing the letter from the members of both Houses of this Committee to the Parliament of Scotland, and to desire them to take care to convey it to them. Afternoon.—Ordered, 4. That a letter of thanks be returned to the Committee of Chelmsford for their care and forwardness, and to let them know it is not the intention of this Committee to put over them any strangers [as] adjutants. 5. That the Earl of Denbigh's letter of the 24th inst. be reported to the House [of Commons], with the list inclosed by Lord Say and Mr. Pierrepont respectively, and that Mr. Pierrepont report likewise his Lordship's desire of arms, ammunition, and money. 6. That the Earl of Denbigh and [Col. Thos.] Mytton have letters of thanks. 7. To inform Sir Wm. Waller that Major-General Browne is at St. Alban's without horse. That the way to Bedford by which he desires Major-General Browne to come is a champaign country, and to offer to his consideration Aylesbury, being an enclosed country, and near to Col. Norton, who is to come to his assistance with 500 horse. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 110, 111.]

June 27. St. Alban's. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I came last night according to the liberty you gave me to St. Alban's, and this morning, in pursuance of your commands, addressed myself to the Committees of the Militia, and of the Safety

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1644. of the County, both which met together here this morning. Notwithstanding the ordinance of Parliament enables any seven of either Committee to determine and put in action what they shall conceive conducive to the public good, the Militia, being above seven, refused to conclude anything without advice of the rest, who are at Hertford and elsewhere. All that I have prevailed upon them is to go forthwith to Hertford and to endeavour the coming of the rest hither, or to procure their consent to what I have desired, which is no more than that the forces raised may be commanded to march under me according to your orders. To which I find already a great averseness in the gentlemen of the Militia that were here, demanding of me who should pay their soldiers if they marched at all, the country, by reason of assessments for the Earl of Manchester and other charges, not being able to do it themselves, nor can they tell which way to contrive it, unless the Parliament please to enable them by some other means, and besides they seem resolved not to march out of their own counties, if at all. I have sent to know what forces of Essex be come to Hertford, and under whose command, that I may give order about them. I pray God I find them not in the same unwilling condition. Sir John Garrett, who was at the Committee, declared that the greatest part of his regiment was disbanded for want of pay, and is confident the rest will not march without money; some difference I understand there is between the two Committees, and some of the [Committee of] Safety fear that your honours taking notice of this business (the backwardness principally being in that of the Militia) may make the breach wider, and so retard the work; however, I could do no less than give you advertisements of my proceedings, together with the cause of my stay here, which trouble me very much. I received this afternoon a letter from Sir Wm. Waller, dated at Oxhill, the 25th inst., desiring my assistance. What strength I have you well know; yet I should very willingly act something with them, by joining with him or otherwise as I shall be directed by you, than spin out time with these Committees in tedious and delaying disputes. I have according to your command furnished Sir Samuel Luke with a load of match out of my very small store, humbly desiring a speedy supply, for we were in no condition able to spare it, but yet I feared he might have present necessity for it, and hoping I should have it suddenly supplied from London, which is expected. I wait your commands for my further proceedings, which I should not trouble you in, but that these unexpected obstructions interpose, being very unwilling to lie still in my quarters, but ready to do anything that may tend to the good of the public. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 75, 76. *Copy*=1½ *p.*]

[June 27 ?] Petition of the High Sheriff and gentry of Salop to the King. The distressed condition of this county is such, the rebels having so great power in it and in the adjacent parts, that the money which possibly may be raised out of this county cannot, in its proportion, sufficiently supply the necessary charges of the army now under

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Prince Rupert; and the sum required, 4,410*l.*, being greater in all probability than this county can afford in money or plate; we pray your Majesty to give order that the moneys required from the gentry of this county by Privy Seal and Royal letters may be assigned to Prince Rupert for support of the army in these parts, with power to moderate the sums required from persons who shall appear unable to bear it, and to impose the deficit on other persons of ability in that county to whom no Privy Seals or Royal letters are directed. Also that his Highness may take the same partly in provisions. [*Interregnum G.* 115, *p.* 351.]

June 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Cambridge. We have received information that some parts of your county are not put into a military posture, captains and commanders being wanting, whereby they cannot be ready for their defence in these times of sudden danger. We hope this alarm has made you sensible of that omission. We desire you to take speedy and effectual care to have all those defects supplied, and that the commands may be committed to those men of whose fitness and fidelity the country may be assured, and that you speedily certify us of what you have done therein. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Ashpole, a courier for Cambridge; delivered by Craven. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 169. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 27. Derby House. The same to the Parliament of Scotland or their Committee. The Scottish army already in this kingdom being engaged before York, the counties of Northumberland, Westmorland, Cumberland, the bishopric of Durham, with the county and town of Newcastle, are for the greater part under the power of the enemy. In order that the siege of York may not be hindered by the falling back of any of your forces for the protection of those counties, and that the war which lies heavy upon us may sooner come to an end, the [English] Parliament, who must always acknowledge your good affections to this nation, desire your further assistance, as appears by their vote herewith sent to your Lordships. This is commanded to be signified to you. Signed as above, and sent by Hutchins. [*Ibid, p.* 171. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 27. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. We thank you for your careful and frequent advertisements, which we desire you to continue as occasion shall offer. In your next, signify to us whether you know anything of the person who pretends to be known to you by the names and marks in the enclosed paper, and [says] that he was employed by you. He is here in durance under suspicion of being a spy, and therefore we desire you will signify whether you own him or not. Signed as above, and sent by a captain who is scoutmaster of Hertfordshire. [*Ibid., p.* 171. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

June 27. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. By yours of the 26th, we perceive that you are upon your march at Oxhill [in co. Warwick]. As to

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your desires that Major-General Browne should march with his forces to Bedford, his forces are now at St. Alban's without horse, and are appointed to march with the Herts' and Essex forces at Hertford. Their march to Bedford from thence will be through the champaign, and so is the town also situated. The King's forces are mostly horse and we fear may endanger ours in their march that way. We offer Aylesbury to your consideration, the way thither being through an enclosed country, and the place nearer to Col. Norton, who is commanded to come up with 500 horse. In all this we would not limit you nor deliver any opinion, but leave it to you who are upon the place. We have written to Major-General Browne to keep intelligence with you, and desire you so to dispose your movements as may with most safety promote the public service. We pray you signify speedily to us in character [cipher] what you design that we may assist you accordingly. For money and other necessaries we will use all care to have them come along with Major-General Browne. Signed as above, and sent by Bulmer, 12 p.m. [*Ibid, p.* 174. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

June 27. Wem. 29. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of Safety for both kingdoms. Upon my march to the rendezvous at Knutsford to follow your commands, Colonel Mytton sent me word of the enemy's gathering into a great body in Wales, Shrewsbury, and Chester to regain Oswaldster [Oswestry]. Upon leaving that place I ordered a good quantity of ammunition and three companies of Sir W. Middleton's to reinforce the garrison, which by my horse were safely conveyed into the town, so that now there are near 400 musketeers with all necessaries and a good engineer to secure that garrison, and a full troop of horse. As the enemy is emptying all their garrisons and will venture all rather than not recover that place, which they conceive to be of so great concern to their affairs, I beseech you to order that some forces may undertake the defence of these parts in my absence, and that while I am executing your commands in other places my honour may not suffer nor the advantages be lost. This I thought fit to represent to you. [*Endorsed:* "Received July 1, 1644." *Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]

June 27. Oxford. 30. Sir E. Nicholas to Sir Gervase Lucas. I have lately received from my kinsman Colonel Wm. Neville a letter intimating some unkindnesses between your garrison and his soldiers. I know he has very good affections to the King's service, and has expressed the same with much cost and courage during these troubles, and being so near me and having so well deserved of his Majesty, I should be very sorry there should be any difference between you; as I will engage myself for his fair comportment, so I have assured him I am confident you will render him such friendly assistance as becomes a gentleman engaged in the same unhappy quarrel as he is; that you may by your mutual agreement do his Majesty effectual service against the rebels. The King is now gone to Edgcott in Northamptonshire to meet Sir William Waller and the

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Earl of Denbigh's forces, who give forth that they pursue his Majesty, but when he turns upon them they fly before him. The Earl of Essex is in Dorsetshire, where he has done nothing of note, but possessed the places quitted by the King's forces as not tenable. It is not believed at London that the Earl of Manchester is slain, but they confess the Marquis of Newcastle has given the Scots a good blow. [1 *p.*]

June 27. Oxford. 31. The same to Colonel William Neville. Has not seen any complaint from Sir Gervase Lucas against him. He has often pressed the King that the hundred of Framland in Leicestershire might be assigned him for maintenance of his garrison because it lies so near Belvoir, and his Majesty has accordingly assigned it to him. I have written to him that he will comport himself fairly towards you and your regiment, and am very confident he will do it for your own sake, and not the less out of respect to me. I am very sorry my Lord of Loughborough takes it not well that Framland hundred is assigned for support of Belvoir garrison; but his Majesty did it with much respect to his Lordship, and doth hope he wisheth so well to his affairs, that he will not take it unkindly. If by any means I might procure a better understanding between my Lord of Loughborough and the Governor of Belvoir, I would gladly do it. The King is pursuing Waller's forces to see if he can draw him to fight. This place is in a very good condition, well manned, fortified, and victualed. [1 *p.*]

June 27. Oxford. 32. A lady friend to Henry Heron. I find I have had a world of letters miscarry. I desire you will name by whom you send the letters and of whom you receive mine, and then I shall know who fails me. I much fear your great town will not be soon enough relieved; I fear there is some treachery, for he that should relieve it is made believe there is no need. If it be lost then stay no longer, for you then cannot hope to do good. [1 *p.*]

June 27. 33. Ordinance of Parliament. Whereas the Sub-Commissioners of Excise in Northampton have the 4th present paid to the Committee of that town and county 481*l.* 16*s.* 10*d.* for ammunition, entertainment of the forces under Major-General Behere, and towards 2,000 pairs of shoes to be conveyed thence to the Lord General's army, according to orders of both Houses. It is hereby ordered by the Lords and Commons that the receipts of the Committee of Northampton shall be a sufficient discharge to the Chief Commissioners of Excise in London, and for the above-named sum. [1 *p.*]

June 28. 34. The Committee of the Navy to the Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom. Upon certificate of 19th June from you to this Committee there is found to be 17,898 bonds, taken of divers persons by Col. Mainwaring and others, upon the Act of One per Centum, for redemption of captives in Algiers, the condition of which bonds do not express the payment of any sum, but are to pay so much as the House of Commons shall appoint. It is, therefore,

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ordered by this Committee that you call before you the collectors, and require them to make up their books with a perfect account, which may charge each particular entry and person with what money they ought to have paid in respect of the said Act of One per Centum, which must be one fifth part more than the custom and subsidy of tonnage and poundage, according to the books of rates confirmed by Parliament, whereby you may be able further to make certificate to this Committee what money may be due upon the Act of One per Centum, and by whom to be paid, that some further order may be taken herein as the State shall direct for the redemption of those poor captives. [¾ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

34. I. *Mr. Giles Grene declared that one per cent. is the fifth part of all entries of tonnage and poundage according to the tenor of the Act, this the Committee is desired to cast up, that the Parliament may declare what part thereof shall be received.* [¼ *p.*]

June 28. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, and Messrs. Pierpont, Brown, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business of the Spanish Ambassador be reported to both Houses [of Parliament] by Lord Say and Sir A. Haselrigg respectively. 2. That the letter of Secretary E. Nicholas concerning the exchange of [Capt.] Hacker [for Lieut.-Col. Sands] be delivered to Sir A. Haselrigg. 3. That Lord Say do deliver the paper [now given in by Col Venn] to the gentlemen [attending] of cos. Bucks, Berks, and Oxford to take their advice thereupon. 4. That Major-General Browne do march towards Aylesbury by way of Berkhampstead, and to let him know that Col. Norton's [horse] are appointed to march thither. 5. To write to Col. Norton at Windsor, desiring him to march towards Berkhampstead, there to join Browne. 6. To write to Sir Wm. Waller in cipher signifying this to him. 7. To write to the Committee of Hertford to send out what force they can along with Major-General Browne. 8. That the Committee of Chelmsford do send their forces with all speed to Hertford, as before appointed, there to receive further orders, and to let them know that Major-General Browne is marched toward Berkhampstead. 9. To write to Major-Genl. Browne not to stay for these forces, but to march forward, leaving orders for them to follow. 10. That the Militia be desired by Lord Say to send out the remainder of their forces to Maj.-Genl. Browne and a considerable quantity of match. 11. That the petition of Henry Lloyd, commissary for Sir Wm. Waller's carriages, be reported to the House by Mr. Crew. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 111.]

June 28. Nantwich, at 3 p.m. 35. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee of both kingdoms. To-morrow night I hope to quarter with the forces I have been able to get together at Manchester; but the number comes far short of those assigned me by your Lordships, for Nottingham and Derby have sent 9 troops of horse, but no foot; from Leicester I have received neither horse nor foot. My regiment of foot and Sir Thomas

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Middleton's are grown so weak that they are not able to guard their colours, and therefore we thought fit to leave them for the defence of Wem and Oswestry. This day I received yours of the 24th inst., by which it appears your design of joining these forces was principally intended to hinder Prince Rupert's return into these parts, and to oppose his march towards Sir W. Waller in case he should bend that way. Now advertisement is come from Lord Fairfax from York that part of Rupert's forces are already advanced as far as Skipton-in-Craven, and that the body of his army is to follow to raise the siege at York; which the generals there are resolved to continue, and to fight with him at the same time. Whereupon Sir John Meldrum is called away with all the forces he can carry with him into Yorkshire, and it is expected I should do the like, which neither my instructions give any power for nor is it safe for me to venture those forces at so great a distance without order, which might be in this conjuncture employed with as great advantage in the places of my own charge. Yet I shall not be wanting to serve the kingdom in any place where I may give assistance to this great work now in hand, but with respect still to your commands. P.S.—Desires instructions in this business with all the speed that may be. [*Endorsed:* "Received July 1, 1644." *Seal with arms and coronet.* 2 *pp.*]

June 28. Copy of the above. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 79, 80.]

June 28. St. Alban's. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. Yesterday I was enforced to ride to Hitchin and attend the Herts' Committee there for the better expediting their march, but to small purpose. Coming home in the evening I received a letter from Sir Samuel Luke, with a copy of Waller's of the 27th June at Hanwell, to the Northampton Committee, the King's forces being then at Edgcott. Sir Wm. Waller intending to fall upon the enemy next day desired their assistance. This news coming I forthwith sent out warrants in express terms requiring the several forces of Essex and Herts to march this morning and meet me to-night at Dunstable, or as near as they can possibly, which I hope will be obeyed; thither I am now marching that we may come to Waller's timely assistance, if possible. I understand by themselves that the commanders of these forces are very young soldiers, and am afraid I shall labour under a great deal the more trouble. I could wish I had some of the City officers here for the present. I require a supply of gunpowder, match, and bullet, my provision being very small, and the country expect I should furnish them. P.S.—I understand that it was last night ordered by the Committee at Hertford that the Essex and Herts' [forces] shall march under my command. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 77, 78. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

June 28. The Leaguer before York. Earls of Lindsay, Leven, and Manchester, Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, and Thos. Hatcher to the same. Sir Harry Vane being now to return to you, we cannot think of a better way of giving you an account of the particulars proposed by him from your Lordships to us, than by referring the full relation of our resolutions

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and their motives unto himself, who has been present at all our consultations, and is well acquainted with all our debates concerning them. We hope it is not needful for us to use any arguments to gain your credence to what he shall in these particulars impart to you from us, his fidelity and ability being so well known to you by manifold experiences. [*Ibid., p.* 79. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Hanwell. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have only leisure to let you know that his Majesty has drawn up his army at Edgcott to hinder my march to Towcester. I am at Hanwell near Banbury. This day in all probability will prove a deciding day, the Lord prosper his own cause, for his great name's sake. I praise God I find a great deal of cheerfulness in the army, and I doubt not we shall render you a good account of our service. We are drawing into the field, and therefore I can only give you this short assurance. [*Ibid., p.* 81. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Chelmsford. We wrote to you yesterday to draw your forces to Hertford, and to-day have given order for 10 barrels of powder and a proportionate quantity of match and bullet to be sent to Hertford for the use of those forces. We have appointed Major Browne to march towards Aylesbury by way of Berkhampstead with the forces which are come to him, where Col. Norton with the horse under his command is to meet him, and therefore we again recommend it to you to send all your forces to Hertford with all possible expedition, where they shall receive further orders. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Gardener at midnight. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 175. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. 20,000*l.* are ready for your army. Col. Norton's horse being at present employed by reason of the King's forces in these parts, the money is to be sent by sea, which may occasion it to be long on the passage. We thought fit to inform you of this that you may know the reason it comes not sooner. Sent by Mr. Newman, 11 a.m., on the 29th. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We desire you with the forces that are with you to march toward Aylesbury by way of Berkhampstead. We have appointed Col. Norton, with 500 horse, to meet you at Berkhampstead and go along to Sir Wm. Waller's army. We have written to hasten the Essex forces to their rendezvous at Hertford, which yet we would not have you stay for, but leave them your orders to follow you with all expedition. Signed as above, and sent by Craven, 1 a.m. [*Ibid., p.* 176. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The same to Col. [Richd.] Norton. We have written to Major-General Browne to march to Berkhampstead in order to a further march towards the King's forces. We desire you forthwith to

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march to Berkhampstead with your horse to go along with Major-General Browne toward Aylesbury, and so to the army of Sir Wm. Waller. Sent by Mr. Potter at midnight. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have written to Major-General Browne to march to Berkhampstead and to Col. Norton to meet him there with 500 horse, whither also shall be sent for your army 10,000*l.*, besides the money of the City and of the Association. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Craven, 1 a.m. *Underwritten,*

This was put into cipher. [*Ibid., p.* 177. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 28. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. We desire you to send forthwith to Major Browne, General in this expedition, all the force you can spare. We have given him order to march to Aylesbury by the way of Berkhampstead, and hope we shall need to use no other arguments to you but the consideration of your late danger by the King's forces. Signed as above, and sent by Craven at 12 midnight. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 29. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter of thanks and encouragement be written to the Committees of Essex, Cambridge, and St. Alban's, to let them know the posture of the King's forces and Sir W. Waller's, and to hasten [the despatch of] their forces after Major-General Browne. 2. To write to Major-General Browne to march with all speed to [the assistance of] Sir W. Waller, and to give order to the Associated forces to follow speedily. 3. That it be added in a postscript to the Earl of Denbigh's letter to keep correspondence with the Scottish army. 4. That a warrant be signed for ten barrels of gunpowder with match and bullet proportionable to be sent to St. Alban's for the forces of Essex, and half a ton of match for Major-General Browne. 5. That letters be written to the Committees at St. Alban's, Hertford, and Cambridge that their forces may be hastened toward Major-General Browne. 6. That the money provided for Sir W. Waller's army be delivered by Mr. Trenchard to Malachi Dudney, commissary to Sir Wm. Waller, to be sent away. Afternoon.—Ordered, 7. That it be recommended to the Committee of Adventurers at Grocers' Hall to furnish the Committee of Hants. with two mortar pieces for their money, if they can spare them. 8. That Sir Walter Erle, Knt., Lieutenant, and the rest of the officers, of the Ordnance, do deliver to Alderman [Wm.] Gibbs, or whom he shall appoint, 20 barrels of gunpowder, with a proportionable quantity of match and bullet, to be sent by him to St. Alban's for the use of the forces of the Eastern Association, which are appointed to march with Maj.-Genl. Browne, as also half a ton of match to be sent for the use of the Major-Genl. 9. That it be recommended to the Committee of the Militia to send money to their forces that are with the Lord General [Essex], and

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with Sir W. Waller, by the convoy which is to convey monies for the said armies. 10. That the waggon-master, Mr. Richardson, do provide waggons for carriage of 20 barrels of gunpowder, with match and bullet proportionable, to St. Alban's for the use of the forces of the Earl of Manchester's Association which are to join the expedition under Major-Genl. Browne. 11. That a letter, antedated 10 June, be written to Capt. Potts as desired by Col. Norton's letter to this Committee. 12. To notify to Major-Genl. Browne that the money provided for Sir Wm. Waller's army is sent to St. Alban's under the care of Malachi Dudney, where it is to remain till he give further order. To desire him [Browne] to take it into his care, and if it cannot be safely conveyed to Sir William then to send it back to London. 13. To desire the Committee of Kent to send Capt. John Browne with 70 horse and dragoons to be in Southwark to-morrow night to convoy provisions for the Lord General [Essex] to Arundel from whence it is to receive other convoy. 14. To write to Capt. John Browne to that purpose. 15. And to the Governor of Arundel to convoy it to Chichester. 16. Also to the Governor of Chichester to convoy it to Portsmouth, whence it is to be shipped. 17. That Mr. Peters be desired to go along with the money to be sent to the Lord General's army, and to use his best care for the safe convoying thereof. 18. That the paper given in by the Scottish Commissioners be reported to both Houses [of Parliament] by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Pierpont respectively. 19. That a copy of the answer given by the Committee at Grocers' Hall be given to Sir John Clotworthy; and that it be returned in answer to his desire touching Lieut.-Col. Clotworthy and Sergeant-Major Connelly that the Committee will take it into consideration and give him answer within a few days. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 112, 113.]

June 29. Near Banbury. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received yours of the 27th last night. I presume you have already understood by mine of yesterday morning that his Majesty with his army came then to Banbury and faced us beyond the bridge; we drew up from Hanwell to the hill on this side the town and stood there in battalia all the day, and quartered within the inclosures that night. This morning we are drawn out again. The King's army is drawing up the hill, most of his horse are fallen down towards Cropredy, whether it be to secure their retreat or to make their passage that way to fight upon more equal ground, is yet not certain, but we shall quickly know. If they have a mind to it they will as gladly be welcomed as ever men were. I like the proportion [proposition] concerning Aylesbury, and desire Major-General Browne may have directions accordingly. I will not fail to write to you upon all occasions, as also to Major-General Browne. My present haste will permit me to write no more. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 81, 82. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

June 29. At 9 a.m. Stanford. Lord Thos. Grey to the same. Receiving a letter yesterday from the Committee of Northampton that Sir Wm. Waller was like to be speedily engaged I marched to Danietrey [Daventry], but

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stayed at Stanford with my poor regiment expecting to be joined by the Northampton forces, which are safely arrived with Sir William this morning early, as I learn from a Captain taken at Daventry with diverse letters which I have sent you, conceiving some of them to be of consequence. I lie hereabouts, hoping, if Waller have good success, to intercept any that may chance to fly this way [*Ibid., p.* 82. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at St. Alban's. The near approach of the King's forces to those of Sir W. Waller has caused us to give orders to Major-General Browne to march with all speed toward Sir W. Waller by way of Aylesbury to give what assistance he can to him, which the better to enable him to do we desire you to send with all possible speed, to such rendezvous as Major-General Browne shall appoint, all those forces you can spare for this service. The exigency of affairs at this time requiring all expedition. Sent by Jennings, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 177. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 29. The like letter to the Committee at Hertford. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 29. Like letters were sent to the Committees of Essex and Cambridge. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to Major-General [Richd.] Browne. We wrote to you yesterday to march towards Aylesbury by the way of Berkhampstead with your forces, and such of the Association's as were come to you upon notice that Sir W. Waller's forces were at Hanwell upon the 27th, and the King's at Edgcott [Bucks.], in probability to be speedily engaged. We desire you to hasten your march with all the expedition you can for his relief and assistance, and to give order for other forces of the Associated counties to follow you with all possible speed, but no ways to stay for their advance. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 178. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to Capt. John Browne. There is present occasion to send some provisions to the Lord General [Essex's] army with a convoy, and all the horse hereabout being by sudden occasions employed, we desire you, with all your horse and so many dragoons as may make them up to the number of 70, to be in Southwark without fail to-morrow at night, to take charge of these provisions and convoy them to Arundel concerning which we have written to the Committee of Kent, who will send you their directions about it. Signed as above, and sent by Capt. Skinner, 9 p.m. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. Convoy of provisions for the Lord General [Essex's] army as above. We desire you to appoint Capt. John Browne to be with his horse in Southwark to-morrow at night, to take charge of the provisions. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 179. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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June 29. The like to Colonel Morley for his convoy. [*Ibid, pp.* 179, 180. *Minute.*

June 29. Derby House. The same to Col. Stapeley. There being occasion to send some provisions to the Lord General's army, we have sent them to Arundel by a convoy of Kentish horse and dragoons, and desired to have them convoyed from thence to you. We now desire you to convoy them to Portsmouth, where they are to be shipped. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Peters, on the 1st July. [*Ibid., pp.* 179, 180. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have received yours of the 24th containing an account of your expedition to and success against Oswaldstree [Oswestry], on which we congratulate you. We conceive its consequences will be such as you intimate in your letters. We are glad that action held you so short a time, and that you are upon your way towards Lancashire in the pursuance of our former directions, which we again commend to your care. Signed as above, and sent by a gentleman of the Earl's, 7 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 180. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to Col. Thos. Mitton. We understand by the Earl of Denbigh's letters of the action at Oswaldstree [Oswestry] performed with so much expedition and success, whereof you gave the counsel and took part in the execution. This Committee thank you for this and your other good services, and are well satisfied that the keeping of this place, which is of considerable consequence, is committed to your care. We doubt not but you will both give a good account and make the best improvement of it. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 181. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 29. Derby House. The same to Major-General [Richd.] Browne. The money provided for Sir Wm. Waller's army goes to-night to St. Alban's under the care of his commissary Malachi Dudney, where he is to stay with it till he hears from you. We desire you to have it safely conveyed to him, of which you are to send him intelligence by messenger, if you have not a cipher, but if this cannot be performed without danger, then you are to give order to Mr. Dudney to return with it to London. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Richardson. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letters from Lord Admiral [Warwick] be read to-morrow afternoon. 2. A letter of encouragement to be written to the Committee of Cambridge, to give them notice of Sir Wm. Waller's army being [engaged] in fight and to desire them to make preparation. They shall receive orders speedily. 3. That Mr. Frost be sent to St. Alban's to take care of the money provided for Sir Wm. Waller's army, and that instructions be given him for that purpose. 4. To inform Waller where his

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money is, and to desire him according to the posture of his affairs to send for it or give order for carrying it back to London. 5. To write to Sir Samuel Luke to hold intelligence with Mr. Frost and to give him advertisements. 6. To inform the Committee of Essex that Waller was yesterday engaged with the enemy, and to desire the Committee that their forces may obey the orders of Major-General Browne, and to advertise this Committee where they are. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 113, 114.]

June 30. Burton. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House. I would have written to you last night but that I was utterly tired out with the labour of the day. In the morning early lying upon the hill before Banbury, we might perceive the enemy going with bag and baggage towards Northampton, whereupon with all possible haste I rose and marched to Burton, which brought me full in upon the flank of the enemy and gave me a very great advantage. Whereupon I and Lieut.-Genl. Middleton, with some regiments of horse, advancing seized upon the bridge at Cropredy and the other passes near it, and gave order to have them secured with foot and artillery. The Lieut.-Genl. fell in with some few troops and dragoons by a mill, next beneath Cropredy, and I advanced with the remainder of those regiments over a passage, next beneath him; I had a steep hill to mount, not far from the top whereof the enemy was drawn up in a strong body. Some of the regiments came up slowly, whereupon I turned back leaving my regiment to march on, but coming to the foot of the hill, I was advertised that the Lieut.-General had charged the enemy and broken him, and chased them above a mile, in a most fair way to have ruined their whole army, but a great body of the enemy having rallied and charging him broke him and forced him to a quick retreat, not without loss. The Lieut.-General was dismounted but remounted again; Col. Wemyss, Lieut.-Col. Baker, and a Dutch captain were taken prisoners, and Lieut.-Col. Baines taken or slain, and what was an extreme wounding to me, 8 pieces of ordnance lost, being unhappily, in that heat of the pursuit of the enemy, drawn out beyond the passage of Cropredy bridge. Whereupon the whole army of the enemy being rallied, I thought it best to make an orderly retreat to our foot, which we did without any loss, and drew up upon the hill on the right hand of Burton, where we faced the enemy's army which was drawn up on the other side of the passage. There was hot service at Cropredy bridge, which we made good against them, and we continued in skirmish with them all the day. The enemy, setting aside our unlucky pieces, has nothing to brag of, having lost three cols., including Sir W. Butler, a lieut.-colonel, a major, and diverse other officers. The Lieutenant-General [Middleton] took Lord Milmot prisoner and wounded him sorely, but he was afterwards rescued from the soldiers to whom the Lieutenant-General had committed him; he is said to be dangerously ill. A little before sunset there came a trumpet from the King, with a paper signed by the King-at-arms, expressing that if I would grant him a safe

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conduct, he was commanded to deliver a message of grace and favour to the army. I returned answer that I had no commission to entertain any messages from his Majesty without the permission of Parliament, and therefore the address must be made there. All this night and hitherto this day the enemy has lain still. What they will do next I know not. So soon as anything more is done, you shall hear more from me. [*Interregnum*, 16 *E.*, *pp.* 82, 83. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

June 30. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Cambridge. We are glad to hear, by yours of the 29th, of the cheerfulness and resolution of your forces, which in a great measure we acknowledge is to be ascribed to your careful and constant endeavours and fervent affection to the public. Sir Wm. Waller is now in fight with the King's forces, whereof you shall be advertised. Meanwhile we desire you to give your forces all manner of encouragement and to have them in readiness to observe our further orders, which shall be sent you speedily. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Hanbury, 1 a.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 182. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 30. Derby House. The same to the Commanders of the Essex forces now at Hertford. Yesterday we gave you notice that Sir W. Waller's forces were engaged with the King's army, and desired you to observe the orders of Major-General Browne, and give frequent advertisements to this Committee where you are. Of which your cheerful resolutions heretofore expressed and [good] affections to the public do give us good assurance. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

June 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. We have sent Mr. Walter Frost and Malachi Dudney to St. Alban's about some special service, and therefore desire you to give them frequent advertisement of the armies. We thank you for the constant intelligence to this Committee, and desire the continuance thereof. Signed as above, and sent by Gardner at midnight. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 183. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

June 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have sent the money mentioned in our last to St. Alban's, understanding by yours of the 29th that you are engaged with the enemy. We desire your own advice about the forwarding of the money, praying you to take order according as the success of your affairs shall require, to have the same safely advanced and brought to you, or else in case of danger to be sent back again hither. If you send for the money, you are to address your orders to your commissary Dudney and Mr. Frost, whom we send this night also thither with instructions to this purpose. Signed and sent as above. *Underwritten*, In cipher by Mr. Weckerlin. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

June. 36. Warrant to the Treasurer and Under-Treasurer of the Exchequer and to the Master and Officers of the Court of Wards. To repay to Sir Edward Powell, with interest at 8 per cent., the 3,000*l.*

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he has lent the King by way of advance upon Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver of the Court of Wards, for the issues of his office for the year to end at Michaelmas 1644. [*Draft.* 1 *p.*]

[June.] 37. Another copy of the same, addressed to the Clerk of the Signet attending, who is to prepare a bill accordingly for his Majesty's signature. [1 *p.*]

[June.] 38. Genealogy of the House of Stuart from A.D. 995 to 1644, drawn from the muniments and charters preserved in the Castle of Aubigny, in Berry, by M. G. de Noublanche, and from the works of Boethius, Buchanan, Leslie, and other historians. [*At the foot of the table is the following authorisation:* "A Paris, chez Melchior Mondiere, en la Court du Palais aux deux Vipères, avec privilége du Roi." *It would appear to have been drawn up with the design of showing the relationship of Charles Stuart, son of the Seigneur D'Aubigny, born in* 1639, *with the royal House of Stuart in England. French. MS. Folding sheet.*]

[June ?] 39. Articles exhibited by Francis Lord Willoughby against Colonel [Edward] King. 1. He was a principal author and earnest propagator of that scandalous remonstrance dispersed in co. Lincoln; as appears by the words of one of his officers, who being commanded to publish the said false remonstrance expressed that all such as would not subscribe it should be branded for knaves. 2. He hath inveigled by money and promises of better preferments several of my officers and soldiers to serve under him, contrary to his Excellency's printed orders. 3. He hath taken wool, horses, and other goods out of my officers' charge, being secured by them for the use of the State; and lately by his own private warrant seized a parcel of wool bought by my command. 4. He hath divers times broken open my letters, posting them where he pleased, and disposed of my servants' horses and other necessaries at his fancy, and imprisoned their persons. 5. He did openly affirm the county of Lincoln was lost by me and my officers. 6. Being often sent unto when my forces lay before Bolingbroke Castle and other places of the county near the enemy for some part of that magazine of powder, &c., which by me was provided for the use of my soldiers when the county was wholly in my command, he flatly refused, and after order from the Earl of Manchester did refuse the delivery thereof. [1 *p.*]

July 1. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpoint, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That thanks be given to Sir H. Vane for his great pains and faithful discharge of his employment to the north. 2. That Mr. Solicitor [St. John] do report to the House [of Commons] the desire of the gent. of Hants. to have a grant for the service at Basing [House] of 500 stand of arms out of those now in Cowes Road, if they should prove to be prize, and for which arms

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they promise to give an account. 3. Also that he do report the desire of the Isle of Wight for 200 arms in return for the like number furnished by them to Waller and the garrison at Wareham. 4. That the Commissioners of Excise be ordered to be here to-morrow afternoon. 5. That Sir H. Vane, Mr. Crew, and Mr. White do acquaint this Committee with their charges and expenses in their journeys. 6. That the instructions [sent] to Sir H. Vane from the Committee of both kingdoms at York be reported to both Houses [of Parliament] by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir H. Vane respectively. 7. That the Earl of Denbigh's business be taken into consideration in the afternoon. 8. That Mr. Crew do report to the Commons that 50*l.* may be allowed to the forces of Kent for convoying the money to Arundel that was to go to the Lord General's army. 9. That the Committee of Kent be thanked for sending this convoy, and to acquaint them with this report. Afternoon.—Ordered, 10. That Lord Robartes' letter with the enclosed from Plymouth be sent to the Committee of the West, and recommended to their care by Mr. Browne. 11. That Mr. [Bulstrode] Whitelocke be desired to come to this Committee at 9 a.m. to-morrow. 12. To write to the Earl of Denbigh desiring him to join his forces with the armies before York, but not to limit him to that course, if he being on the spot should see cause to the contrary. Also to enclose Lord Grey's letter concerning the killing of a messenger of this Committee. 13. The like, *mutatis mutandis*, to Sir Wm. Brereton. 14. That all the members of this Committee do attend to-morrow morning when the orders of this Committee are to be read. 15. That upon consideration of the certificate from Grocers' Hall, this Committee thinks fit that they deliver those mortar pieces to the gent. of Hants. for their money, 16. That the Lord Admiral's letter of the 28th inst. be reported to the [Commons'] House by Mr. Recorder [Glynn]. 17. That Thos. Ceely's letter be sent to the Committee of the west. 18. That this Committee holds it fitting that the Rutlandshire petition be reported to the House of Commons by Sir Gilbert Gerard in respect the business therein mentioned is now depending before the House. 19. That this Committee thinks fit not to meddle with the petition of Lieut.-Col. Rowe in respect the same concerns the Committee of Safety. 20. To write to the Scottish army to let them know that Sir H. Vane has given an account of their affairs, and to enclose a copy of the letters to the Earl of Denbigh and Sir Wm. Brereton. 21. That it be returned in answer to the petition of the Merchant Adventurers and Eastland Merchants that they prepare instructions and nominate an agent, that further order and resolution may be taken thereupon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 114, 115.]

July 1. Leighton Fuzzard.

Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. Yesterday the money was conveyed safe to Leighton, where we found Major-General Browne; but there being certainly informed that Sir Wm. Waller's forces were disputing passes with the King, and that the King's forces are between us and Waller, also that the foot here is not tried and no horse at all, I sent the money to Ayles-

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bury, where it now is, and the Governor takes great care of it. Waller's commissary is there, and I appointed those few Kentish horse and dragoons to be at Aylesbury till they receive further orders, conceiving it will cause a rumour of new forces brought into the town. Here is with Major-General Browne a good body of foot, 7 regiments already come up and one coming, viz., 3 Essex, 2 out of Herts., and Browne's own three; the last three are not above 1,000; he complains the Militia will not exercise their power, for those are to be 4,000 strong. I look upon this foot [to be] in great danger and not so serviceable, being without horse. I hear the gentlemen of Essex say that if their ordinance had passed when desired there had been 3 regiments of horse ready at this present, and that they are now very diligent in raising horse, so that I apprehend a kind letter may draw out some horse for the preservation of their foot. They sent 1,000 of their foot [as] mounted pikes and musketeers, such a sight as pikes to march mounted I never saw, and should we have had an alarm our mounted pikes would have made rout sufficient. To dismount the pikes and not musketeers would discontent the pikes, which caused Major-General Browne to send back all their horses. Col. Norton's horse are not yet come up, they were within 17 miles of this place yesterday, but they are only 300. To-day we hope to march to Buckingham, 14 miles from hence. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 84, 85. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 1. At 11 p.m. Sir Samuel Luke to the same. My last news was not so pleasing as I could have wished it, but glad I am it was no worse. Since my first the [armies] have continually faced each other, and the cannon continually played both day and night. It seems Sir Wm. Waller has out-watched his Majesty, for this morning by 4 a.m. the latter withdrew his ordnance, and facing Waller with a party of horse, arrived at Farthinghoe by 8, with all his carriages, and took up quarters for his foot at Aynho, and for his horse at Brackley and Embley, but I cannot believe that his horse will ever come at either place. This I am bold to certify, because I was at Embley this afternoon, and left 100 dragooners and the troop of horse which is in this garrison at Buckingham to receive Waller's commands, to whom I sent a messenger to inform him of the King's movements. In my return I met Major-Genl. Browne at Little Horwood, who had only with him Capt. Temple's troop and another with 5 regiments of foot; they intend to quarter to-night at Buckingham [*Ibid., pp.* 85, 86.=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 1. Portland Road. Robert Earl of Warwick to the same. This evening I received the enclosed by which you may be informed of the true state of Pembrokeshire; the condition of which is such that without a speedy sending of ammunition, good commanders, a faithful Committee, and in the meantime an enlarged commission to Col. Langhorne, those parts are like to be lost, as I conceive from the tenor of these informations. I humbly submit my opinion to the wisdom of this Committee, who are better acquainted with all

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passages on shore, and therefore can better judge of the danger. It seems unavoidably necessary that the ships be refurnished of what they have supplied to the country, lest they be enforced to relinquish their charge too soon, which may not only give the rebels a free access to those parts, but also hazard the loss of Milford Haven, being the most considerable harbour in that part of the kingdom. Amongst the papers you will find some examinations touching Capt. Wm. Rigby, who is suspected to have laid the foundation of all those distresses which have lately come upon Lancashire by his perfidious correspondence with the enemy. I have directed that he be committed to safe custody at Portsmouth until you or the Parliament shall command his conveyance to London. In the meantime Capt. Philpot, who lost at Liverpool a vessel lately employed there in the State's service, is commanded to attend you, who can communicate much concerning Capt. Rigby's carriage. Yesterday I received three several letters from you, dated the 20th June, and immediately prepared my warrants for designing a ship specially to look after the Mary and Anne of Aldborough, taken by Captain Allen of Lestoff [Lowestoft], but to-day the wind being contrary has hindered the execution of the service, through which cause I am detained in this road. I will give immediate advertisement to the ship appointed for Ireland of the gunpowder expected from thence to supply Prince Rupert. Thanks for their acceptance of his faithful endeavours at Lyme [Regis]. I received to-day a letter from the Governor of Weymouth importing that upon a more exact view of their magazine, they find only 30 barrels of gunpowder, for that garrison and Sandfoot Castle, and very little match or bullet. This I promised with the first opportunity to signify to you with a request for a speedy supply by reason of the consequence of that town and harbour. [*Ibid., pp.* 89, 90. *Copy.* 1⅓ *p.*]

July 1. Burton. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received yours of the 25th and 28th. I shall never be wanting in my obedience to your commands, though I shall never be able to perform so much as I desire. I have sent to Major-General Browne to join [forces] with me, which addition will be very welcome. In my last I signified the unfortunate loss of some of my pieces, by a rash employment of them in pursuit of the enemy. Since that both armies have lain facing one another within half a mile, a little brook interposing between us. The enemy has made divers offers to fall on upon me, but only offers. This night they arose and marched away towards Banbury, but whither they intend I cannot yet discover. I am making ready to march after them, and I will not fail to constantly attend them. Yesterday the Earl of Forth sent a trumpeter to me about exchange of prisoners; they have about 100 of mine besides officers, as I mentioned in my last to the Committee. I have 60, besides a major and two captains of horse, a captain, lieutenant, and cornet, also two or three gents. [*Ibid., pp.* 91, 92. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

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July 1. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. Having considered your letter of the 28th June, with the resolutions of the armies before York to maintain the siege and also to take the field with an army against Prince Rupert in expectation of your joining with them, we are very desirous that a design which so much conduces to the general good, and will have so great an influence upon your Association, may not be disappointed for want of your concurrence, and therefore entreat you to give all the assistance you can, with safety to your forces, by joining or otherwise. By frequent intercourse with those armies [before York], and the discoveries you may make upon the place, you will be able to manage this affair to more advantage than by any particular directions from hence. We received your letters but not by your messenger, who miscarried by the way, as by a copy of Lord Grey's letter herewith sent you will more fully understand. The armies of the King and Sir W. Waller were engaged upon Saturday near Banbury, having a little brook between them, and so continued the next day, the certain success whereof we have not yet received. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 184. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 1. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms in the Scottish army. We received your letters by Sir Henry Vane, who has given us an account of the posture of your affairs, upon consideration whereof we have written to the Earl of Denbigh and Sir W. Brereton, whereof a copy is here enclosed. Upon Saturday morning Sir W. Waller's forces were engaged with the enemy near Banbury, a little brook being betwixt them. Major-General Browne, with 6 or 7 regiments of foot and 400 or 500 horse, is marching to his assistance. So soon as we shall understand the certainty of the success we will acquaint you therewith, which is all we have to say at present, except to request you to give us frequent advertisements of the condition of your affairs. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Hutchins, the ordinary postmaster, delivered him by Mr. Cheeseley. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 185. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 2. Saumur. 40. William Cholmeley to his father Sir Hugh Cholmeley. I have received the letter my mother sent by London. I understand it is your and her pleasure I should go to Paris to learn the exercises; it is much more costly living there than in any other place. Learning riding, dancing, and the mathematics I shall cost you 150*l.* a year. Explains how it will cost so much, and on what he will spend that sum. I shall be constrained to stay here till I have received some money from you; the 20*l.* you sent by Mr. Ogle I have not yet received because his merchant broke, and so he has lost his money. I have yet money for 3 months of the 50*l.* my uncle Henry Cholmeley sent me. If God out of his mercy doth not shortly end the war in England I do not see how any Englishman will be able to live if not in the wars; this kingdom is very full of English. [*Seal broken.* $1\frac{1}{2}$ *pp.*]

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July 2. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To reply to the letter of the Committee of Essex of the 1st inst., That the ordinance is passed the Commons' House; that the ammunition is sent to St. Alban's for their forces; that their letter is to be reported to both Houses with the recommendation of this Committee concerning the pay of their forces; that the forces of Herts. are advanced with Major-Genl. Browne as far as Buckingham, and to thank them for their pains. 2. That the above-mentioned letter from the Committee of Essex be reported to both Houses. 3. That answer be returned to Mr. Cage, that this Committee is sensible of the good affections of Suffolk, and Ipswich in particular; that if anything should happen to Waller's army, it would be worse for them than the going out of their men; that the Committee desire that not only these but all the rest of the forces of those counties shall return when this business is over. 4. That the business of Bread-st. ward be put off until Thursday morning, and that the Committee of the Militia be desired to be here at that time if they desire to be heard concerning the same. 5. That the letter from Sir Wm. Waller be reported to the Houses of Parliament by Lord Wharton and Mr. Solicitor respectively. 6. That a copy of the propositions given to Sir H. Vane, [junr.,] at his return from the north, by Col. Walton, governor of Lynn Regis, concerning that town, be sent to the Earl of Manchester, and his advice asked thereupon. 7. To acknowledge the receipt of Col. Massie's letter by Capt. Bacchus, [Backhouse] which will be considered to-morrow; to recommend to his care the cloth taken from Andover by the garrison of Winchester Castle, valued at 10,000*l.* 8. To write to the Committee at Bury [St. Edmunds], desiring their forces to stay about Cambridge till further order, and to impart to them the news of Sir W. Waller's letters, as also to the Committees of cos. Cambridge, Norfolk, and Kent. 9. Mem. to confer with Sir Walter Erle about ordnance for the town of Cambridge. 10. To write to Lord Grey, enclosing the petition of Richard Terry and John Arnold, with a desire that their three horses and the money taken from the messenger who was slain may be sent up in order to be restored. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 116, 117.]

July 2. 12 at night. Sir Samuel Luke to the Committee of both kingdoms. This night Sir. Wm. Waller quarters with Major-General Browne at Toceter [Towcester]. He has sent home my 200 musketeers, and commands 400 foot, according to your directions, to be ready at Fenny Stratford to morrow morning by 7 o'clock, where they shall receive further orders. P.S.—Most of my gunners and matrasses went away this day for London for want of pay. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 85. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 2. Towcester. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I received yours of 30th June at Towcester, whither I marched to effect a junction of my forces with

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those of Major-General Browne. I formerly signified to you that towards midnight on Sunday his Majesty marched away with his foot and train from his quarters near Burton, leaving his horse to face me till morning, when they also marched. I moved not till I had full assurance from my parties, prisoners, and spies that the enemy was clearly gone, lest it might have been but a feint to draw me from my vantage ground. Being assured the King was gone towards Buckingham, I was in great anxiety lest he might fall upon Major-General Browne, and therefore marched with all speed after him; but his Majesty, making a sudden halt at Farthinghoe, turned off to Aynho on the hill and crossed the river, taking up his quarters at Aynho and towards Doddington. I had in the morning sent divers advertisements to Major-General Browne to draw his forces towards Towcester as the safest rendezvous for us both to meet at in regard of the river. That Monday night I marched to Preston-on-Hill, and this morning I came hither. During these two days march I was extremely plagued by the mutinies of the City brigade, who are grown to that height of disorder, that I have no help [hope] to retain them, being come to their old song of home, home. The Major-General met me here and has quartered his forces within three miles of me. I found his men [in] no very good temper, some of his Essex soldiers threatening already to quit him, and the Hertfordshire men expressing their impatient suffering during a night or two's ill quartering. My Lords, I write these particularities to let you know that an army compounded of these men will never go through with their service, and till you have an army merely your own that you may command, it is in a manner impossible to do anything of importance. I have sent a convoy for those carts at Aylesbury, and I hope we shall be ready to receive them here to-morrow. The next day I make account to be upon my march towards his Majesty again. I have it from several hands that his Majesty was this day welcomed into Oxford, but the truth of this I cannot absolutely know. P.S.—I desire to be supplied with two cannon in addition to those great pieces I left at Gloucester, which I purpose to send for speedily. I am in great distress for horses for the train of artillery. I should have had 500 from the Associated counties, but have yet received none. I want two or three good miners and a good engineer. [*Ibid., pp.* 86–88. *Copy* = 1½ *p.*]

July 2. Portland Road. Robert Earl of Warwick to the same. I formerly advertised you of the Lord General's desire to have two demi-cannons and two culverins out of the ships under my command for battery at Exeter. I thereupon bespoke carriages here at Weymouth, which after some days expectance I find unlikely to be procured, the authorities there wanting materials, hands, and some of the inhabitants affections to perfect the work. I therefore beseech your Lordships to take this matter into consideration, and if you think fit to cause 4 carriages with spare wheels to be sent in a hoy from London, together with shot for pieces of that bore. If you should not think fit to send the pieces themselves from London I will furnish his Excellency with them from the ships. [*Ibid., p.* 91. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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July 2. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Massie. We have appointed to-morrow morning to consider your letter by Capt. Backhouse. Meantime we are informed that the garrison of Winchester has lately taken from Andover 10,000*l.* worth of cloth, only useful for trade abroad, and therefore to be transported. There being no other port now in their power but Bristol, and their way thither not far from your garrison of Malmesbury, we desire you to have an eye on them so that if they carry it to Bristol it may be intercepted, if not, it may be hereafter found with them. We leave this to your care. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Richd. Terry, postmaster of Coventry. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 185, 186. *Copy* = $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 2. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Bury St. Edmonds. We have received yours of the 1st inst., and thank you for your readiness to cause your regiment to march, wherein you have gone along with the forces of Essex, from which three regiments have marched, and all or most of the forces of Herts. The notice of Sir W. Waller's engagement with the King's forces occasioned the order for your march. This morning we hear from him that on Saturday and Sunday last some light skirmishes passed between their forces, and owing to the too great forwardness of Sir William's forces in pursuit some pieces of artillery were lost, since which time both armies have lain facing each other at half a mile distance, a little brook interposing. On Sunday night the enemy rose and marched towards Banbury, but whither they intend is not yet discovered. Sir W. Waller is in pursuit of them, and Major-General Browne with the forces of London and Herts are marching to assist as far as Buckingham, whither also the Essex forces are marching. Your forces being now too far off for this present service may stay at Cambridge till they receive further orders. Signed as above, and sent by Lelam, 8 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 186, 187. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

July 3. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. Mem. Letters from Gloucester to be read on Friday at 3 p.m., when Mr. Pury, Mr. Hodges, and Capt. Bacchus to be present. 2. To write to the Committee [of both kingdoms] with the armies at York relating what has taken place between the armies of Sir W. Waller and the King. 3. To signify to the Lord General [Essex] that the money was sent away on Monday last to Portsmouth; that the shoes and other provisions are sent by sea; and to enclose a relation of the action between the King's and Sir W. Waller's forces. 4. That the propositions of Major Jephson and Mr. Lisle be considered to-morrow afternoon. 5. That Sir Gilbert Gerard do report to the House of Commons the ordinance presented by the Commissioners of Excise concerning the money to be paid to Sir Walter Erle for furnishing the magazines. 6. That Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe do deliver to Col. John Fiennes, or to whom Lord Say shall authorise, 200 pair of

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pistols with holsters, 200 back and breast pieces and pots, and 100 firelocks or carbines, to arm a regiment of horse for the service of cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. under Major-Genl. Browne. 7. That Dr. Walker be desired to put the case of the ship taken at Aldeburgh into writing. 8. To write to the Commander-in-Chief at Greenland House to be watchful in regard of the King's retreat to Aynho [co. Northampton], and that if there be occasion they retreat to Windsor, or make good Henley as they shall judge most fit. 9. To desire the Committee at Hertford to let their forces continue at Greenland House; that the gent. of cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. will, after a fortnight, provide their pay. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 117.]

July 3. Wressell Castle. Thos. Hatcher and Robt. Goodwin to the Committee of both kingdoms. Not knowing but that the ill and false news of the defeat of our armies which has come so plentifully hither may also have reached London to the prejudice of the kingdom, we thought fit to send to you this brief and general account, which we saw under Lord Fairfax's hand, to this purpose, that after a defeat in part received by some of our forces God has graciously given us a happy and great victory, that Lord Fairfax and Sir Thos. [Fairfax] were both very well, only his son Charles was hurt; the place in which the battle was fought was about Marston Moor. Whilst we thought it very necessary to give you this information, so we esteem it fit to forbear any further particulars till we have received the confirmation of them, which we shall endeavour to do speedily. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 85. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 3. Towcester. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I received this day the money by my commissary, for which I thank you, with a request that the remaining 5,000*l.*, which I hear is ready, may be speedily despatched after. I have just now received information that the enemy has given me another turn upon the toe and marched last night to Stow and Morton-in-the-Marsh, on his old road to Worcester. Tomorrow I intend to march after them with all possible speed, with my horse and musketeers, leaving some behind to line the pikes and help guard the colours, which will follow easily. I cannot follow to overtake them in a direct line, but in coasting them by the way of Leicester I hope to gain ground of them. I have sent away this advertisement to York, and intend to send two or three more expresses after to them. I am of opinion, before this business be done, we shall be the longest winded army in England. I hope we shall never be weary of well doing let the way be never so long and rugged. I shall then think myself most happy when I shall be most capable of serving you. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 86. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

July 3. Coll-hampton. [Cullompton.] The Lord General Essex to the same. Part of the enemy's forces having been [employed] against Barnstaple, the success whereof you will see by the enclosed, has caused me to send a party of horse and foot for its relief, and I am advancing with the rest of the body myself to Tiverton, and so to steer my course according to the intelligence I have from them. Her Majesty has left Exeter,

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and as my intelligence is, bends for Pendennis Castle, and Prince Maurice has left Kerton [Kenton] and goes further towards Cornwall. Unless necessity compels me I shall be forced to stay some short time hereabouts to raise the country and to furnish the army with what you promise to send down. I intend in this matter to expect the love [of the soldiers] rather than use much exaction, knowing that it is much more for the service of the Parliament to gain their affection than to use compulsion. I find a great affection in the country to the Parliament and [inclination] to free themselves from their Egyptian slavery, but there is a great want of arms; besides the non-arrival of the gentlemen from London, whose presence would be a great encouragement to them [retards the service]. As yet but few of the gentlemen of power except Col. Weare are here, who is much beloved in the county. In a short time I will be able to give you a more exact account of our affairs. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 92, 93. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

July 3. Eastwell. Lord Thos. Grey to the same. Col. Nevill came on Monday morning last and plundered all the towns within three miles of Leicester, towards Beaver [Belvoir], which very much discontented the people, so on Tuesday I drew out with my few horse, being not 200, and my regiment of foot about 450 marching men. The enemy hearing of my advance marched away, but a Captain Robi[n]son, and his troop quartering short, were surprised and captured by my forlorn hope. I intend to stay here to gather up the money assigned to me for my horse by the Committee, and will take the best advantage I can upon the enemy. P.S.—I lie within three miles of Beaver [Belvoir], while they lie on the other side towards Newark. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 93. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Hertford. The service your forces are now engaged in at [the siege of] Greenland [House] we conceive to be of so great importance that it cannot without very great prejudice be deserted. We therefore desire that they may be continued there till we can replace them by others. We have arranged with the gentlemen of cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. to take them into their pay after the space of 14 days if that service should continue longer. Sent by Mr. Butler, 10 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 187. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 3. Derby House. The same to the Lord General [Essex]. In ours of the 28th ult. we advertised you that 20,000*l.* was ready for your army, but that, Col. Norton's horse being employed by reason of the King's forces in these parts, it was to be sent by sea, which might occasion delay. We now have to signify that the money was on Monday last sent by a convoy of Kent towards Arundel, thence to go to Chichester, and so to Portsmouth to be shipped to you. This day the shoes and other provisions were shipped here to go by sea. We desire you to send back the Northamptonshire horse if they may come with safety. Sent by Hanbury, junr., 10 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 188. *Copy* ⅔ *p.*]

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July 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. There being a present necessity of arms in Cheshire, Wm. Shackstaff, carrier, is engaged to convey them into Cheshire to Sir Wm. Brereton. We desire you to supply him with sufficient convoy from your town to Coventry, that they fall not into the enemy's hands. Delivered to Mr. Ashurst. [*Ibid., pp.* 188, 189. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

July 3. The like letter to the Committee at Coventry, and one to Stafford. [*Ibid., p.* 189. *Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee resident in the Scottish army. According to promise in our last of the 1st inst. we will now give you an account of the engagement of Sir W. Waller with the enemy near Banbury. On Saturday last Sir William perceiving the enemy to march with bag and baggage towards Northampton, hasted to Burton, where he seized Cropredy Bridge and other passes near it; Lieut.-Genl. [John] Middleton went over at a mill under the bridge with some few troops and dragoons, and Sir Wm. Waller advanced with the remainder of the horse over a passage a little beneath, where he had a steep hill to mount, not far from the top whereof the enemy had drawn up a strong body. Some of the regiments coming up slowly, Sir William stayed at the foot of the hill, where he was advertised that Middleton had charged the enemy, broken him, and chased him above a mile in a most fair way to have ruined the whole army, but a great body of the enemy having rallied, charged him, and forced him to a quick retreat, not without loss. Middleton was dismounted, but quickly remounted again. Col. Wemys, Lieut.-Col. Baker, and a Dutch captain were taken prisoners, and L. C. Baines taken or slain. Some pieces of ordnance were lost, being in that hot pursuit of the enemy drawn out beyond the passage of Cropredy. The whole of the enemy's army being rallied, Sir William Waller, without any loss, retreated to his foot, some whereof he sent to Cropredy Bridge, and made good that passage against the enemy. The enemy lost three colonels, whereof Sir W. Butler was one, a major, two captains, and divers other officers. Lieut.-General Middleton took Lord Wilmot prisoner, and wounded him sorely, but he was afterwards rescued from the soldiers to whom he had been committed. A little before sunset there came a trumpeter from the King, expressing that if he could have a safe conduct he would deliver a message of grace and favour to the army; to whom Sir W. Waller returned answer, that he had no commission to entertain any messages from his Majesty, and therefore his addresses must be to the Parliament. On Sunday the armies faced each other all day, at half a mile distance, a little river interposing between them. Upon Monday the King marched away early in the morning with all his carriages, and arrived at Farthinghoe by 8 o'clock, and took up quarters for his foot at Aynho, intending to quarter with his horse at Brackley, while Sir W. Waller and Maj.-Gen. Browne were to quarter together last night at Towcester. The Associated counties are in very good posture, which is all we have to acquaint you with. Signed by

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Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Hutchins, 10 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 189, 190. *Copy*=1⅔ *p.*]

July 3. Derby House. The same to the Commander of the Hertfordshire forces before Greenland House. By the King's removal to Aynho we conceive he is at such [short] distance that he may endanger your quarters by sending a party to fall upon you. You are therefore to be the more careful of your guards and scouts. If there be cause you had better secure yourselves and the artillery in your charge, either by making good Henley [on Thames], or by retreat to Windsor, or by such ways as you being upon the place may find most for the advantage of the service, for which purpose we think it requisite you should have draft horses always in readiness. We presume you take notice of a place near Mill End [which is] fordable. We have written to the Committee of Hertfordshire for the continuance of Col. Mitchell's forces with you and concerning their pay, there are letters sent from the Committee of the three counties [Oxon., Berks., and Bucks.] to Colonel Mitchell to the same purpose. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Jennings, 5 a.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 191. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 3. 41. The Committee for co. Surrey to the High Constables of the hundred of Elmbridge. You are commanded to issue your warrants to the petty constables within your hundred, requiring them to summon all able men fit for service within their several parishes to appear before the deputy-lieutenants of this county on the 5th present by 8 a.m. at Kingston, at a general muster, there to list themselves and to take arms for the defence of their country; they are also to make a return of the names of all persons so warned, that so notice may be taken of all who shall either neglect to appear or contemn our authority therein, that so punishment may be inflicted on them for their contempt. If any of the petty constables shall refuse to execute this order you are to certify the same to us, so that speedy course may be taken with them according to the high nature of their offence. [1 *p.*]

July 4. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierpont. Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Sir W. Waller desiring the return of Col. Norton's horse, except Pott's and Draper's troops. 2. That the paper given in by Dr. Walker be sent to Dr. Sammes, Judge of the Admiralty, and to Sir Nathaniel Brent and Dr. Eden, desiring their opinions. Afternoon.—Ordered, 3. That Colonel Jephson's propositions be taken into consideration to-morrow. 4. That a letter of respect be written to the Committee of Essex, and leave it to their own judgments whether they will receive money from those who should set out horses, or to send out the troops mentioned in their letter of the 3rd inst. 5. To write to the Committees of cos. Cambridge, Suffolk, and Norfolk commending their zeal in the cause, and to discharge their forces now raised excepting those with Sir W. Waller, which shall not be

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continued longer than until this present exigency be over. 6. To signify to the Committees of Essex and Herts. that the forces of cos. Cambridge, Suffolk, and Norfolk are discharged; to desire them to continue their forces with Sir W. Waller, and to acquaint them that this Committee will move it to the Houses to have consideration of their pay according to their own propositions. 7. That Mr. Solicitor [St. John] do report to the House of Commons that the forces of the Associated counties are discharged, except those with Sir W. Waller, which are continued for some time longer. And to desire that consideration may be had thereof for their pay according to the propositions of co. Essex. 8. That the gents. of the Eastern Association and of the other counties entrusted with the raising of a new army for Oxford and parts adjoining be desired to attend to-morrow afternoon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 118.]

July 4. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. We have certain intelligence that the King lay last night at Eversham [Evesham]. He is [bent] for the north, but we do not hear of any foot with him. We intend to cross and meet him by way of Leicester and Nottingham, advancing with our horse and leaving the foot to follow as they are able. Our horse being much beaten out we pray you procure us a recruit. In the meantime grant leave to Col. Norton to accompany us with his regiment, and authorize Major-General Browne, when he quits company, to leave with us such of his horse as we shall have need of. We desire that the troops of Captains Saville and Morley, which lie about Farnham, may have order to follow us with all speed. You know the work we labour in is very difficult and not to be done without horse. We entreat your thoughts for our help, as all we are, or you can make us, will be little enough for this service. If it be possible let us have 1,000 pair of English pistols and 1,000 saddles, if not we shall shortly be as well armed as the enemy. We think it will be for the public service that the [Commons'] House be put in mind of the present making up of this army, 9,000 foot and 3,000 horse. We will not stay any service till they come up, but the sooner they are provided it will be the better both for the public and us. What power the Houses please to give to the officer in chief command of this army is fit to be known. We do now march into other Associations and expect inconvenience, though we shall endeavour [not] to annoy them. We beg to hear from you speedily. We are now on our march, and resolve to make haste. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 88, 89. *Copy*= 1 *p.*]

July 4. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir W. Waller. Since the coming away of Col. Norton's regiment from Basing, Hants., there has been a great loss of cloth in that country; there was taken from Andover by the garrison of Winchester to the value of 10,000*l.* The country press for the return of those [Col. Norton's] horse, and urge the promise of this Committee that they should return when the Associated counties were come in. There are of them five

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troops, of which we desire that the Col. and three troops may return, and the other two troops, Capt. Pott's and Capt. Draper's, may still continue there with you. We conceive it very necessary for the safety of that country and of the trade from the West to London. And therefore desire you will, having consideration to the necessity of their service elsewhere, speedily send them back. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Lee at 6 at night. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 191, 192. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

July 4. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. We have received yours of the 3rd inst., and are very glad to see your cheerfulness to serve the necessity of the public, for which at present we shall only return you thanks. We leave it wholly to your judgment whether you will take money of the two troops that are not yet gone forth, as you propound or require them to go forth. Sir Wm. Waller and Major-General Browne are at Towcester, and having joined forces are resolved to follow the enemy. Signed as above, and despatched at 6 at night by a messenger who brought theirs of the third. [*Ibid., p.* 192. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 4. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Association of Cambridge, Norfolk, and Suffolk. Your zeal for the public good has been seen in all your actions, and this last of your raising so great forces is a large testimony that your hearts are set upon this cause of God and your country, wherein besides the charge you are at, to maintain the forces under the Earl of Manchester, you have now expended great sums. Of which unexpected charges that you may be for the future eased, as much as the necessities of these times will permit, and that most of your men may be employed upon their harvest occasions, yet with all your counties secured from these daily and sudden alarms, we assure ourselves the Houses [of Parliament] will take into their speedy consideration the best means conducing to these ends and settle the way accordingly. For the present we conceive that it may well stand with the public welfare for you to discharge those forces of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge trained bands, and others that are not [em]bodied with Sir W. Waller's army, and for those with him we shall not continue them any longer than until this present exigency be over. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Bulmer about 6 at night. [*Ibid., p.* 193. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 4. 42. Order of the Committee of the Navy. Upon certificate from the Commissioners of the Navy by direction of the Lord Admiral that, on account of the supply of ammunition for the defence of Lyme [Regis], there is present use for the under named supplies for the Lord Admiral. Ordered that the Officers of the Ordnance do deliver to John Seignior, formerly appointed by the Committee of Safety, for taking on board the ketch Charles ammunition, match, and bullet for the use of the Lord General's army these several quantities, viz., two last of powder, 20 barrels of match, 12 barrels of musket bullet, and 100 shot each for saker, minion, and falcon to be put on board the said ketch and transported to Weymouth for the use of the Lord Admiral. [*Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

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July 4. Hertford. 43. [The Deputy Lieutenants for Herts] to Mr. Wm. King of Hoddesdon. You cannot but know of the sudden commands from the Committee of both kingdoms that our two regiments should march with Major-General Browne and with all speed join Sir Wm. Waller who is engaged with the enemy. As the sudden posting away our forces could not admit time to collect the assessments for the supply of our soldiers, and to keep up the spirits of our dear countrymen who fight for us, we earnestly desire you to lend 10*l.* which is to be sent to the Committee for the Militia in Herts who will post it presently to the army; and for such money as you may please to lend we will give you a ticket to secure your repayment out of the money to be collected. [*Seal with crest.* ¼ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

43. I. *Acknowledgment by Wm. Turner for* 10*l. received of Wm. King, 6th July* 1644.

43. II. *The like by Edmund Forster for the above sum paid over by Wm. Turner, treasurer,* 12 *Aug.* 1644. [¼ *p.*]

July 5. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the propositions given in by Col. Jephson be reported to the House [of Commons] by Mr. Crew. 2. That the letter from Leicester be taken into consideration on Tuesday next, and to look out all the letters of directions given to Lord Grey about his sending forces to the Earl of Denbigh. 3. That Mr. Trenchard be desired to be at this Committee to-morrow. 4. That Sir John Clotworthy and the Committee at Grocers' Hall be here on Monday afternoon to put an end to the difference between them. 5. To inform Sir W. Waller that this Committee will consider his letter of the 3rd inst. To send him copies of the letters from Lord Fairfax to Hull, and of Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Goodwyn to this Committee. 6. That copies of the same letters be sent to the Lord General. 7. To write to Col. Venn to send the 5 barrels of gunpowder belonging to the gentlemen of cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. to Greenland House. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 119.]

July 5. Northampton. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received your command concerning Col. Norton's return into Hampshire, which shall be obeyed, but I must tell you that Major-General Browne's men are disbanding, and my London regiments are in the same condition. I have despatched General Browne back to Banbury. I am labouring to mount my musketeers, and have very brave offers from the Committees of the adjoining counties. The King is about Worcester, and I purpose with all expedition to march after [him]. The Committees of Coventry, Warwick, and Northampton desire to have their horse home again. I have little left. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 94. *Copy,* ½ *p.*]

July 5. Aboard the James in Portland Road. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. The importance of Weymouth and its road, and the relation that its safety has to his Majesty's navy, wherewith the Parliament has entrusted me, emboldens me to represent to you the means to make that town

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sufficiently defensible, as upon discourse with the governor and engineer and upon view of the place they offer themselves to my observation. There is a work in construction on a peninsula near the town, which the enemy began and his Excellency [the Lord General Essex] commanded the finishing of, which will command both the town and haven. On the Weymouth side there is another hill, where if a sconce be erected and 100 men put into it, a line of communication drawn to Sandford Castle and three small bastions made about that castle, all Weymouth side will be secured; Melcomb-Regis, being severed from the main by a causey only, will be sufficiently secured by a work already raised on the beach, if 100 men were to keep that garrison. The charge of perfecting the said work is computed at 1,200*l.*, and the number of men requisite for both will be about 500; to which, if 200 horse be added, they will not only secure both these towns, but also keep the county of Dorset thereabouts in awe. Your commands for the quickening hereof would be useful, as things go on but slowly, which makes my abode here the more necessary, though, according to my former resolutions, I purpose with the first wind to sail more westward, the better to assist the ships plying there, and for preventing of all supplies going to or from the enemy's ports. The island of Portland still holds out, but will shortly be reduced to straits for want of beer, salt, and other supplies. I shall shortly present to you a draught of the fortifications, and in the meantime would suggest that you should send orders to the governor and officers [of the garrison] for speeding of the works. Some who came here from Lyme Regis report that Sir John Digby and other commanders were lately slain before Plymouth, the truth of which needs confirmation. P.S.—Captain Harle certifies the taking of about 300 arms, which are now at the Cowes. [*Ibid., pp.* 94, 95. *Copy*=1¼ *pp.*]

July 5. Northampton. Major-General Richd. Browne to the same. Being at St. Alban's when the news arrived of Waller's engagement with the enemy, I hastened up my forces to advance to his relief, and marching to Buckingham, came on Monday somewhat near the enemy, which caused them to retreat. On Tuesday we met with Sir Wm. Waller at Tosseter [Towcester], and together came to Northampton last night, when, at a council of war, it was resolved that Sir Wm. should horse all his foot and follow the King into the north, whither he is gone. This we expect to accomplish in a day or two, this county having undertaken to furnish Waller with 1,000 horse[s]. The work for which we designed hither being accomplished, and Sir Wm. having no further use of us, he being not able to horse all his own foot, I think it fit to march towards Greenland House by way of Aylesbury, and intend to quarter to-morrow night at Stony Stratford, and so forwards unless I meet with orders from you to the contrary. This course appeared the more advisable as the soldiers of the several counties were in great discontent, by reason of hard marches with want of provisions and lodging, even to mutiny, so that many of them run away. P.S.—I purpose to take along with me the country forces to Aylesbury ere I discharge them, waiting to know your pleasure concerning them. When these are gone I shall have

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but few left, and am confident many of these few will be gone also if you take not timely course to send us money. [*Ibid., pp.* 95, 96. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

July 5. Leaguer before York. The Earls of Leven, Lindsay, and Manchester, Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, and Thos. Hatcher to the same. Since our last the condition of affairs is not a little changed, for on Monday last, upon notice of Prince Rupert's march from Knaisburgh [Knaresborough] towards us, we resolved and accordingly drew out the armies to have met him, and for that end did march the same night to Long Marston about four miles west of York, but the Prince having notice thereof passed with his army at Boroughbridge, and so put the river Ouse betwixt him and us, whereby we were disabled to oppose his passage into York, the bridge we built on the west side of the town being so weak that we durst not adventure to transport our armies over upon it. This made us resolve the next morning to march to Tadcaster for stopping his passage southward. And the armies being so far on their way that the van was within a mile of it, notice was sent us by our horsemen, who were upon our rear, that the Prince's army, horse and foot, were advanced the length of Long Marston Moor, and was ready to fall upon them, whereupon we recalled the armies and drew them up on a corn hill at the south side of the moor, in the best way we could, so far as the straitness of the field and other disadvantages of the place could permit. Before both armies were in readiness it was near seven o'clock at night, about which time they advanced the one toward the other, whereupon followed a very hot encounter for the space of three hours, whereof by the great blessing and good providence of God the issue was the total routing of the enemy's army, with the loss of all their ordnance to the number of 20 [pieces], their ammunition, baggage, about 100 colours, and 10,000 arms. There were killed upon the spot about 3,000 of the enemy, whereof many were chief officers, and 1,500 prisoners taken, among whom there are above 100 officers, in which number is Sir Charles Lucas, Lieut.-Genl. to the Marquis of Newcastle's horse, Major-General Porter, and Major-General Tillyer, besides diverse colonels, lieut.-colonels, and majors. Our loss is not very great, being only one lieut.-colonel, a few captains, and 200 or 300 common soldiers. The Prince, in great distraction, with only a few horsemen and scarcely any foot, marched the next morning from York northward. We have now lain down again in our old leaguer before York, which we hope within a few days to gain. We are resolved to send a great part of our cavalry after Prince Rupert. We have nothing to add, but that as the glory of all the success belongs to God, and the benefit we hope will redound to the whole kingdom, we have appointed this next Sabbath for a day of public thanksgiving throughout the armies, so your Lordships would appoint a day for the same to be kept throughout the kingdom, and notice sent to us thereof, that we may all together join in it. [*Ibid., pp.* 96–98. *Copy*=1⅔ *pp.*]

July 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lord Grey. We send enclosed to you the petitions of Richd. Terry, postmaster of Coventry,

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and of John Arnold, our messenger, presented to this Committee. Although the messenger slain cannot be recovered, yet considering the barbarous manner in which he was slain we recommend to your special care to find out the perpetrators, and doubt not but you will have them forthcoming to receive [sentence] according to justice. In the meantime you will endeavour to recover the three horses taken from those who were then especially in the service of the State, together with the money on the person of the dead man, viz., 4*l.* 15*s.*, that they may be restored to the owners. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Fleetwood at 8 at night. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 194. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 5. Derby House. The same to Sir W. Waller. The news received from the north we send enclosed. Yours of the 4th inst. we will take into consideration, and do our utmost to promote what you desire therein. Signed as above, and sent by Craven at 10 at night. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 5. Derby House. The same to Col. Venn. We are informed that you have five barrels of gunpowder belonging to Oxon., Bucks., and Berks., sent for the Commander-in-Chief of the forces before Greenland [House], but [which] was denied to him. We desire you to send it speedily lest that service should be anyways retarded. Signed as above, and sent by Binding at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 195. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 5. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. By reason of the King's retreat towards Oxford before the forces of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridge shires could come to [em]body with Sir Wm. Waller, although they were all on their way towards him and those of Suffolk as far as Cambridge with 3,000, we have thought fit to suffer them to return, being not willing to continue them where they can be of no use. We desire that your forces may continue in that service for a short time till we can otherwise supply their place. In the meantime we will move it to the Houses [of Parliament] to have consideration thereof for payment of those forces according to your propositions. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Durand at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 195. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 5. The like letter to Hertford, except the last five words. [Sent] by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid. Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

July 6. 44. Declaration of the Lords and Commons. That John Webster, Theophilus Bainham, Edward Manning, Richard Ford, and James Yard, merchants, have shown themselves by their actions tending to the maintenance of this unnatural war to be incendiaries and enemies to the Parliament, and are consequently proceeded against as persons who have attempted to break the amity and long maintained union and friendship between this kingdom and the States of the United Provinces. [*Printed in Lords' Journals vi.,* 620, *and Commons' Journals iii.,* 553. *Broadside.*]

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July 6. Malmesbury. 45. John Cartwright to William Lenthall, Speaker of the House of Commons. Being entrusted by the Governor of Gloucester to receive the contributions for the maintenance of this garrison, and to give him intelligence of all occurrences, I lately sent out one Captain Salmon to fetch in some money in Chippenham hundred within the county of Wilts., who seized one Mr. Hayes [Archibald Hay], Master Usher to the Queen, and found with him many letters from his Majesty, the Earl [*sic*] of Digby, and others of great concernment; Captain Salmon brought [Hay] into this garrison on Thursday last, and delivered [him] up to Colonel Devereux, governor here, by Colonel Massey's appointment, who copied the principal letters and sent the originals to my Lord General. All this was done without giving notice thereof to the Governor of Gloucester, which when I understood, with other particular passages in the carriage of this main business, I gave him notice thereof with all possible speed, and I make no question but he will communicate it to this Honble. Assembly. This present instant dining with Governor Devereux here he revealed to me the copy of the King's letter to the Queen, wherein is more expressed to discover their great plot against our nation than all the rest being but in figures [*cipher*]; whereupon I demanded if he had sent copies of all to the Parliament as well as to his Excellency, who told me he had not. Therefore in consideration of the present necessity, as also in regard the letters, though sent by his Excellency for London, might be surprised, I counselled him to send copies of them to this Assembly, who taking my advice I assisted him in writing these copies, and have sent up my own servant for their more faithful and speedy delivery. [1 *p.*]

[*This letter, with the following one from Colonel Devereux, Governor of Malmesbury, enclosing divers intercepted letters from his Majesty and from Digby to the Queen, Digby to Jermyn and others, were this day, July* 8, *read in the Commons' House, and all ordered to be referred to the Committee of both kingdoms, who are to allow the messenger* 10*l. for his pains. Ordered, That the Committee for Gloucester do write a letter to the Governor of Malmesbury, and Captain Cartwright, taking notice of their care and diligence; and to advise the Governor, Col. Devereux, hereafter to send the originals of such letters as shall be intercepted. See Commons' Journals iii., p.* 555.]

July 6. Malmesbury. 46. Colonel Nicholas Devereux [Governor of Malmesbury] to the same. Gives the same account as above of the letters intercepted on Archibald Hay, Gentleman Usher to the Queen. His Majesty's letter to the Queen was enclosed in a blank paper, on the outside of which was only capital esses, and sealed with two seals, neither of which was his Majesty's signet manual. It was written with his Majesty's own hand on a small piece of paper, only the breadth of three fingers, both closely written and closely made up. [In it] came the copy you see; for whom it was intended and to whom it should have been secondarily sent may be easily understood. Many other letters came with it, all which

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were sent to his Excellency [the Lord General Essex], none of any consequence except those other three enclosed from Lord George Digby severally to the Queen, Lord Jermyn, and the Duchess of Buckingham. One other letter I sent his Excellency sealed with the signet manual and directed thus, "To the Queen," which I did not break open. Till your or his Excellency's commands [come], I have given order Mr. Hay should be used with all civility befitting his quality. [*Endorsed:* "To be presented to the Honourable House of Commons." *Seal, with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*] *Enclosed,*

46. I. *The King to the Queen. Dear heart, I cannot satisfy myself with expressing my joy for thy happy delivery, and that I desire further news of thy health, for which end I have expressly sent this servant of mine; but likewise I must show thee that I have taken and will take all possible means for thy safety, the particulars whereof before now I could not send thee, which is the cause that I have thus long* [*delayed*] *unanswering thy despatch by Archibald Hay, and for which I refer thee to Digby, as likewise the good news I have lately received from the north. I send herewith the draught of a letter to* 153 [*Earl of Essex?*], *which I, with the advice of Ned Hyde, Digby, and Culpepper propose to direct to be written to him from the Queen. Indeed I believe it may do good and see no harm, yet I desire thee to use thy own judgment in it.* 25 *June* 1644. *Buckingham.* [*Copy partly in cipher.* 1⅓ *p.*]

46. II. *Dear heart, sithence I began this* [*above written*] *I had no time to send it, nor have I much now, but I could stay no longer from giving thee an account of yesterday's good success, which though it has not been the greatest, yet it was the dearest that I have seen, but it was the ugliest beginning that ever I saw; as for the particulars, I refer thee to this bearer's relation, who was an eye-witness, and other men's pens. Now I must again rejoice with thee for thy happy delivery. As for the christening of my younger and, as they say, prettiest daughter, I heartily thank thee that I being so far off thou wouldest stay for my directions. For the one part, which is choosing of the godfathers, I leave totally to thee; but for the place and form, I desire it should be in the Cathedral* [*of Exeter*] *if the health of my little baby* [*the Princess Henrietta*] *will permit it, and in the same way of the Church of England as all the rest of my children have been, and so I rest eternally thine.—C. R.* 30 *June* 1644, *Willscot* [*Williamscote, near Cropredy*]. [*Certified by Rich. Devereux as a true copy.* ⅓ *p.*] *Enclosed,*

46. III. *Draft of a suggested letter to be written from the Queen to* 153 [*Earl of Essex?*]. *My Lord. It is believed by many persons of honour that you have so great a sense of the*

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misery of the kingdom that you would be glad to be an instrument of peace, which only can preserve it from ruin, and truly, when I consider how great an opportunity you have to lay a lasting obligation upon the King and to preserve the kingdom, I am willing to think you will not omit it, and therefore I have thought fit to tell you that if you think my mediation may be of any use toward so blessed a work, I do promise you to employ my whole interest and industry in promoting it, and I am very confident the King will consent to whatsoever shall be for the good of the kingdom, and give a testimony of his favour towards you. If I may hear from you how you stand inclined to the motion, and how far you will appear in it, you shall not find me wanting in anything and particularly very forward to express myself. [*Marginal note: This letter came enclosed in his Majesty's letter written in a very close hand, the effect as followeth. Certified copy as above.* ⅓ *p.*]

46. IV. *George Lord Digby to the Queen. The uncertainty of our condition here and the daily expectation of some great blow betwixt the King's army and Waller's hath held Mr. Hay here thus long, and withheld from your Majesty the expressions of our great joy in your safe delivery, which would have been the perfectest that the world could have given, had it not been disturbed by apprehensions of your being besieged in that place* [*Exeter*]. *It is true we are not apt to believe that* 153 [*the Earl of Essex ?*] *will engage being unready, and we have particular reasons from a correspondent of his at Oxford to be confirmed in that opinion, but yet the very possibility of it is thought fit to lay aside all collateral considerations, and to make it the measure of all our consultations how to relieve your Majesty in that case. Our first question was whether we had a capacity of doing it by force. But that was unanimously concluded so impossible that, on the contrary, it was thought that for us to move that way would not only make the danger a certainty, which as yet was but imaginary, but also ruin this army to boot, wherein that course it could not fail of being crushed betwixt those two enemy's forces. In the next place it was concluded that the strongest diversions only should be used, and to that purpose we drew our army to Buckingham with an intent to pierce into the heart of the enemy's quarters as far as Dunstable at least, and to give them an alarum with our horse even to the suburbs of* 207 [*Abingdon ?*], *and at the same time to set them propositions for a treaty. This we conceived might so occupy them at* 207 [*Abingdon ?*], *being already exhausted of forces as to restrain* 153 [*the Earl of Essex*] *from further advance. . . . The last conjecture succeeded. Waller makes haste after us towards Buckingham.*

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We turn[ed] upon him and face[d] him last Friday near Banbury, with the river [Cherwell] between us, intending to serve ourselves to the pass of Banbury to go over to him; but he guessing, as it should seem, at our design, drew his whole army into a place of advantage so near the town as made it impossible for us to draw our army through without giving him the advantage of falling upon us with as much or as little of it as he pleased; which, considered together with the impossibility of subsisting there for want of provision, it was resolved on, as the best course, to march away towards Daventry, hoping to draw him after us into some more equal place, or to pursue such other designs as should be thought most advantageous, which we did in the morning about seven or eight o'clock, Waller's army moving at the same time over against us on the other side the river [Cherwell], where he did [menouvre] with such expedition as that while in a disordered march, by whose fault I will not say, the van of our rear was cast about a mile behind the rest of our army, he got apace between us and drew over [the river] great bodies of horse and foot and 11 pieces of cannon in such manner, as, if God had not blest us, as it were by miracle, we had been utterly lost. But instead of that, such was His mercy and providence for the King's preservation, that by an admirable charge of my Lord Cleveland with his brigade, and of others who by that got time to come in, they were all repulsed [and] beaten back over the pass, lost their 11 pieces of brass cannon, and eight colours, with 200 men killed on their part, and scarce 10 of ours, with 200 prisoners taken, whereof Wemys, the General of their artillery, [was] one, and Waller's lieutenant-colonel [Baines] another. Now we are looking upon one another on each side the river two miles from Banbury, but Waller's army with a very thin aspect since yesterday's visitation. I make no doubt but they have lost 1,000 men over and above the killed and taken. What further use we shall make of this victory cannot as yet be resolved, but certainly the reputation of it will have a great effect, especially if it be true that Waller himself is much hurt. Only this your Majesty may be sure of, that the whole spring of our motives will be from the consideration how to divert most powerfully the occasion of your apprehensions. In the meantime it is conceived you cannot take a better course than what Prince Maurice writes to the King, and Lord Jermyn to me, is already resolved on. God in heaven strengthen your Majesty's resolution, so as that your apprehensions in the meantime may not work upon your want of health. If we may be but secure from that unhappiness I shall make no great doubt of the rest. The news from all other parts is very good. It is certain the Scots have

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had great losses before York, and I am confident that by this time the Prince [*Rupert*] *is there to relieve it. Charles Gerard prospers wonderfully in South Wales, and Browne's* 2,000 *men lately come out of London are all fallen together by the ears and dissipated. For God's sake, Madame, do not be so cruel to us as to destroy all these blessings by the looseness of your believing yourself unsafe, for without* [*your*] *security and happiness no earthly joy can have a taste, either with the King or with any of his or your true servants.* [*Williamscote, July* 4, 1644. *Chiefly in cipher. Certified a true copy as above.* 3 *pp.*]

46. V. *George Lord Digby to Henry Lord Jermyn. I have received since Mr. Hay's coming your most afflicting letter of the* 21*st June, relative to the Queen's continued indisposition. Too certainly the best remedies that can be applied are those that may best cure apprehensions, which truly I do not reasonably have of any danger intending to be threatened her, but only by reflection from her. I am afraid her indisposition causes her apprehensions in that matter of distemper towards another; you must as much study applications to the one as* [*Sir Theodore*] *Mayerne to the other. I hope my letter to the Queen will afford some good ingredients to that* [*end*], *and unto which I refer you for the state of business here. I shall only add one thing, that is to conjure you to use all possible industry for the getting of* 488 [*powder?*] *from beyond sea; I foresee a ruin to us the next winter by the want of it if not supplied. I am much joyed to find the course we have had since our return from Oxford approved by you in having pre-advised it in those letters which have since come into my hands.* 220 *sends to the* 504 [*King?*] *a draft of all letters to my Lord of* 131. *Wherein the opinions of* [*blank*] *may do much good and can do no hurt; we conceive nothing can beget so much confidence in* 153 [*the Earl of Essex?*] *as an engagement. It is wholly submitted to her judgment.* [Endorsed: *Copy of intercepted letter sent by Col. Devereux, by whom it is certified to be a true copy. Chiefly in cipher.* 1½ *p.*]

46. VI. *The same to* [*Katherine*] *Duchess of Buckingham. Excuses himself for not answering her letter before, by the uncertainty of their condition and hazard of the passage. I esteem it a great misfortune to the King's affairs that the ships provised to and expected by my Lord of Antrim have failed him. But misfortunes are many times without faults. I am sure he is guilty of none, having so nobly complied with his undertakings, nor indeed can* [*I believe*] *that there hath been* [*any*] *on the King's part, for all counsel hath been taken to procure ships, both in Ireland and in England, but how the former failed I cannot say, not having heard thence these many*

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months, and for these here in England, particularly the Barclay ship, they have been shut up by the Parliament ships in the port, but I hope the taking of Liverpool may now set them free. I am now despatching Brian O'Neale to the Marquis of Ormonde, with a commission to meet and conclude either a peace or further cessation. For God's sake, Madam, contribute your interest in the procuring of a good one; there is no way by which my Lord of Antrim can write more, which, I confess, he hath done already to a degree beyond that which your Grace desired should pass as a mark of it, wherein I humbly thank your Grace for your noble confidence of my desires to serve you, which shall never be wanting to any command of yours with all imaginable industry, but in this I can be but a second instrument; the work of this time must be the Queen's, whose pleasure, once thoroughly expressed in it, will not quicken more but make more comfortable the design in soliciting. Williamscote, June 30, 1644. [*Certified a true copy as above.* ¾ *p.*]

46. VII. [*Henry Lord Jermyn to George Lord Digby.*] *The* 221 [*Queen*] *is this day gone towards* 127 [*Falmouth*], *intending to embark herself for* 157 [*France*]. *The reason of this resolution is the apprehensions of a siege here* [*of Exeter*], *of which there hath been and is very much appearance, though no certainty. It was not possible for her to overcome the apprehensions she had of being shut up, and therefore exposes herself to more dangers than those she could have undergone in this city in respect of her health and* [*of*] *the sea, if she should persist in the desire of passing it. That which makes me less mislike it is that Dr. Goff has returned with an account of danger which makes the suggested journey more to the purpose. We were certainly deceived in that which was imagined concerning the Prince of Orange, for he is enflamed to that degree, as supposed with the proposition, and would not endanger part for all the particulars offered. That* 542 [*Frederick Henry, Prince of Orange*] *would have come to our terms before he had by a late treaty excluded himself from the possibility of one part of it, and that this fell out by our delay, of which I have least doubt of anybody.* [*This relates*] *to the first part of the proposition that refers to France. For the other by a late treaty the States have bound themselves up from a possibility of making peace or war without the consent of France. For the first we have this assurance, that the things that France may need from the Prince of Orange will all be put into our hands to traffic with France, and all things besides that the Prince of Orange can effect for us, that are within reason and possibility, we shall dispose of. If we can prevail with France and Holland*

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to receive us into their alliance offensive and defensive, it will effect all the several objects we aim at, and neither the general Diet at Munster, if that were to follow, can disappoint us. The Prince of Orange hath observed one thing to the Dr. [*Goffe*] *that has been fatal to us, that already he effects for France many things which are so useful to them. His Majesty* [*of England*] *he fears hath been much behind, but if before he* [*the Prince of Orange*] *had been engaged this matter had been on foot, then he thinks he might so have demeaned himself as to have helped us to our ends with themselves. This* [*opportunity having*] *elapsed we must look forward, and may be there is still enough behind for our turns. The Prince of Orange says he has been earnestly pressed to break with* 150 [*the Emperor,*], *but he has hitherto held off; that now he will, if it shall serve our turns, effect that, if it lie in his own power. To the other particulars mentioned to him as concerning the Amboyna business, &c., he speaks of* [*them*] *with large assumptions. That* 542 [*Frederick Henry*] *will fall* [*in*] *with any power whatsoever he assures us positively, and should he be in danger, that the King* [*of England*] *shall command him absolutely. As soon as you could possibly, it would not be amiss to send me letters of credence from the King, but if I want them and find them of use, we shall resort to the usual way of putting the King's hand, but for avoiding of that, now passages are so uncertain, it would be well to send to the Queen some blanks signed by the King and some sealed also. The state of this place* [*Exeter*] *and the apprehensions we have of the ways of relieving it will be represented to you* [*as*] *the result of a Council of Officers now to be held for that purpose.* [Headed: "*Duplicate of the letter, June* 30, *from "Exeter,"* and endorsed, "*Exeter,* 30 *June* 1644." *Wholly in cipher.* 3 *pp.*]

July 6. 47. An ordinance of the Lords and Commons, to pay to Sir Walter Erle, Lieutenant-General of the Ordnance, 3,008*l.* out of the Excise, for provision of arms and ammunition. Whereas by ordinance dated 26th of March last there is 20,444*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* appointed to be paid monthly for four months together out of the receipts of the Excise, to commence from 20th March 1643–4, whereof 18,940*l.* 5*s.* 0*d.* is designed towards the monthly pay of the army under the Lord General, and the residue, being 1,504*l.*, to be employed for the provision of arms and ammunition, the whole sum to be paid to Sir Gilbert Gerard, Treasurer-at-Wars; no money having yet been paid according to that ordinance for arms. It is hereby ordained that 3,008*l.* be paid out of the receipts of the Excise to Sir Walter Erle, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the Commissioners of Excise. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii., p.* 554. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

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July 6. 48. Declaration of both Houses of Parliament outlawing John Webster, Theophilus Bainham, Edw. Manning, Richard Ford, and James Yard, merchants, who by their unwarrantable actions have shown themselves to be incendiaries and enemies to the Parliament and kingdom of England. No person after publication hereof to have any dealings or to convey or consign to them any money, goods, or merchandise. That all such goods shall be taken and seized on as forfeited, and the persons sending them to be taken as aiders and maintainers of persons that are traitors and rebels. Likewise, that the Deputy Governor and Assistants of the Company of Merchant Adventurers residing at Rotterdam do exclude the persons named above from their court and fellowship, and do cause them to be apprehended and sent over into this kingdom to be proceeded with as incendiaries between the States of the United Provinces and Parliament of England, and as persons that have attempted to break the amity and long continued union and friendship between the two nations. *Subjoined,*

48. 1. *Order by the House of Commons, that this Declaration be printed and published, and sent to the Lord Mayor to be published by the Common Crier in Exchange time.* [*Printed at London by Edward Husbands, 13th July* 1644. *Broadside. Also in Commons' Journals iii., p.* 553.]

July 6. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierpont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That 10*l.* be given to John Priestley, the messenger who brought the news from York of the defeat of Prince Rupert's army. 2. That answer be returned to the gents. of Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. 3. That the letters to the forces at Greenland [House] were drafted by themselves, and that this Committee only intended thereby to warn them to take heed not to be surprised by the King's forces. 4. That this Committee consents to their having a mortar piece from the Committee of Grocers' Hall [on such terms] as they can agree. 5. That the business of Boarstall House deserves a longer consideration. 6. That no arms can be furnished them, for if they should be the Associated counties would generally expect the like. 7. That the news from York be sent to the Lord General [Essex], the Lord Admiral [Warwick], Sir Wm. Waller, Major-Genl. Browne, and to the Committees of Kent, Essex, Herts., Hants., and Plymouth. Also to the [English] agents in Holland, and to Northampton, Coventry, and Warwick. 8. To write to the Committee at Northampton about their furnishing horses to Sir W. Waller to mount his musketeers. 9. That Mr. Crew do report the above [mentioned] letter to the House of Commons, and the business of the dragoons' horses. 10. That Mr. Trenchard be desired to be here on Monday morning. 11. That Mr. Crew do report to the House [of Commons] Sir W. Waller's request for 1,000 saddles and 1,000 pair of pistols, and that he also do report the news from York. 12. That a short account of the news from York be sent to the Earl of Denbigh, Sir W. Brereton, Sir Thos. Middleton, and Sir John

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Meldrum. To keep intelligence with the armies before York; to use their best endeavours for the perfecting of the work, and to co-operate with those armies. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 119, 120.]

July 6. Gloucester. Col. Edward Massie to the Committee of both kingdoms. In the tender of my duty to your Lordships you may please to receive this account of our present condition here in these parts, since Sir Wm. Waller's departure, at whose importunity I sent him from this garrison 270 musketeers and 100 from Malmesbury, with an addition of a company of dragoons for the strengthening of his army, but to the much weakening of myself. Col. Minn thereby taking occasion together with Sir John Wintour's forces on [Dean] Forest side to spoil and destroy the country, as also Sir Wm. Russell and the Governor of Worcester on that side, it was with much difficulty we could hardly preserve our neighbours from ruin by their hands. This was rendered the more difficult by our garrison at Gloucester being pestered with prisoners and having diverse other garrisons to look unto. The King returned upon Thursday last into our bottom with his whole army consisting of near 4,000 [foot] and so many horse, with his artillery comprising 20 field pieces small and great. In the morning by 8 o'clock they faced Tewkesbury with horse and dragoons in diverse bodies and diverse parts, purporting to have fallen upon it, to which end their artillery was upon drawing up towards the town; but understanding that it was so well provided with soldiers, near 300 musketeers, whom I had put in the previous night, they stopped their artillery. They faced this town the whole day, and only small shot passed till towards evening, when the enemy drew off and retreated towards Pershore and Eveshalme [Evesham], where they at present lie, their horse much annoying the country about Tewkesbury and towards Worcester. Of Sir Wm. Waller or Col. Browne we as yet hear nothing, but wish for their approach, having not sufficient strength to make good our garrisons as we ought. We have only two regiments of foot for keeping and maintaining Gloucester and Tewkesbury garrisons besides four more small garrisons; [there are besides] only two newly raised companies of foot and my regiment of horse not yet completed, so that I heartily wish Sir Wm. Waller would spare my men and return them, and that if he haste not soon to assist us, that I had but some small strength to enable me to live. But, my Lords, I have been dealt with all far otherwise, [so] that still, by every occasion of our own friends' approach unto us, I am more hindered than furthered, to the great discouragement both of officers and soldiers. [I would further observe] that our lack of strength stops the current of money to satisfy those [troops] we have, [they] being at present in a posture wholly unable to march abroad or to get in contributions, as I should have done if I had had strength sufficient. Therefore my request is that you would move the Parliament to consider our condition, and that a speedy supply may be sent me, or to this place, of a few horses and some money, which by this time, if I had not been hindered by Sir Wm. Waller's warrants for money

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for his army, I should have obtained, but now the enemy's more confident assaults on the one side and the great army on the other makes us keep the closer [so] that our wants speak the louder. I must be bold to present to your Lordships my opinion concerning the prosecution of this war, that I conceive the course now taken not to be the way to bring the same to so speedy an end or issue as is to be desired. For by this way of raising citizens [as soldiers], or taking in auxiliary forces, the war must of necessity either lie near them, or the despatch of the present designs must answer their expectations, else away they are gone, being impatient of delay and absence from their families. It follows that the longer they march and the remoter [they are] from London, the slenderer still will their army grow; and the more his Majesty's armies show themselves abroad and the further they march the stronger they grow. This, then, I humbly offer as the way to increase the Parliament's armies and to weaken the enemy's,—that to all the chief places and remote garrisons popular commanders be appointed, and supplied with money and arms to recruit in those parts, by which means they shall not only raise a competent strength for themselves but work the enemy out of theirs and thereby stopping the sources of his supplies. My experience this last winter has sufficiently grounded me in this opinion, for I am assured that I gave entertainment to 1,000 of the King's army, who came over to me, and whom mere penury and want drave again from me, for lack of the 8,000*l.* promised. Had Parliament sent that money in any reasonable time, I dare say Gloucester would now he 3,000 men stronger and the King's army proportionably lessened. I conceive it needful with a strength for the beginning of the work that a reasonable sum may be raised to refresh them, so that their first act be not a demand for means and maintenance ere they have done any service for procurement of the same, as I have proved by those who have hitherto been sent me. I doubt not of your favourable construction of this my boldness since it proceeds from the opinion of a soldier, not a statesman, who aims at nothing more than the furtherance of the public good in all his services. P.S.—Some letters from his Majesty to the Queen have been intercepted in Wilts. and delivered to Col. Devereux, now Governor in Malmesbury, who I understand has sent them to the Lord General Essex, and which I doubt not will shortly reach your Lordships' hands. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 98–101. *Copy* = 3½ *pp.*]

July 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We have certain intelligence that the Scottish, the Earl of Manchester's, and Lord Fairfax's armies fought upon Tuesday last with Prince Rupert's and the Earl of Newcastle's forces, and had a great victory. It is of great importance that this victory be improved. We therefore desire you to keep a constant intelligence with those armies, and to apply yourself to such resolutions as by correspondence with them you shall find most advantageous for the total suppressing of the enemy in those parts, which will much conduce to the safety of the public, particularly to the counties immediately under your

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charge. Signed Wharton and Maitland, and sent by a messenger of Sir W. Brereton's, about 10 at night. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 19¢. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 6. The like to Sir William Brereton, *mutatis mutandis.* Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 6. The like to Sir Thos. Middleton. [*Ibid. Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 6. The like to Sir John Meldrum. [*Ibid. Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. We understand by a letter written to Mr. Crew that you have sent out your warrants to raise horses to mount some of Sir W. Waller's musketeers. We approve your care to serve the public in this and upon all other occasions. We desire you to go on with that which you have so well begun, the perfecting whereof will be advantageous for the prosecution of the war and a very acceptable service to the Parliament. Signed by Wharton, and sent by Sir W. Brereton's messenger. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 197. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 6. Derby House. The same to [the Committees at] Northampton, Coventry, and Warwick. Having taken into consideration the King's marching towards Worcester, and that Sir W. Waller is now in pursuit after him, we desire you to continue your horse with him for the good of that service, whilst the forces with the King shall remain about those parts which we doubt not out of your good affections to the public you will carefully preserve. Signed by Wharton and Maitland. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 197. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 6. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received yours of the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th inst., and have taken care for reporting your desire to the House [of Commons] for 1,000 pair of pistols and 1,000 saddles. We know of no miners or engineers, but if we hear of any we will send them. We have sent to Mr. Trenchard about the 5,000*l.*, and the business concerning a commission and your further power is depending before the House. By our last you had a short account of the good success of our forces in the north, and we have sent you here enclosed a copy of the Earl of Manchester's letter to the Earl of Northumberland, whereby you will perceive there is a more particular relation to be sent hither, which, when it shall come to our hands, we will send you. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Sir Wm. Brereton's messenger, about 10 at night. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 198. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 6. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. The good news we have received from the armies in the north we here communicate to you. By the enclosed you will perceive that a more particular relation is to be sent up, which when received we will also communicate to you. Signed as above, and sent by Crispe, about 11 at night. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 6. The like to the Lord Admiral [Warwick]. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

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July 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. The good news which we have received from the army in the north we here send enclosed. We expect particulars hourly, but were willing to impart this in the meantime. [*Ibid., p.* 199. *Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

July 6. The like to the Committee of Essex, sent by Mr. Jennings. [*Ibid. Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 6. The like to the Committee of Hertford. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 6. The like to the Committee of Hants. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 6. The like to the Committee at Plymouth. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 6. The like to Major-General Browne. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 6. The like to Northampton, Coventry, and Warwick. [*Ibi . Minute.*]

July 7. Northampton. Sir W. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. The assurance of this great victory in the north was infinitely welcome to us; the Lord make us thankful for it, and may He in his good time vouchsafe to compleat his own work, in the happy re-establishment of peace and truth among us. The meeting with Major-General Browne, which I thought would have proved an addition of strength to me, has very much weakened me, for my London regiments immediately looked upon his forces as sent to relieve them, and without waiting for further orders are most departed. Yesterday 400 out of one regiment quitted their colours. While Browne's men being mostly trained bands' men of Essex and Herts. are so mutinous and uncommandable that there is no hope of their stay; they likewise are upon their march home again. Yesterday they were like to have killed their Major-General, and they have hurt him in the face; such men are only fit for a gallows here and a hell hereafter. The enemy's forces lie at Evesham and plunder all around them. They made an offer of marching further to Shrewsbury, but I suppose this late success [in the north] has altered their resolutions. I have been delayed here to receive the dragoon horses to mount my musketeers, which will arrive to-morrow, as without them it would be impossible for me to do any considerable service. Except I have a further supply of horse and foot, especially the latter, I must resolve to act upon the defensive, and to attempt nothing but upon extraordinary advantage. I am confident about 2,000 Londoners have run away from their colours. Upon the return of Capt. Ramsey and my Lieut.-Col. with other prisoners, in exchange for those I had sent to the Earl of Forth, I received a message from his Lordship, in his Majesty's name, which I thought it my duty to communicate to your Lordships. It was an expression of his Majesty's sense of the miseries of this kingdom, with a signification of his desire to have a peace, and that if I could contribute to that work I should do a service to the kingdom; his Lordship added, that if I would act my part he would not fail to act his, in concurrence to this end. This was the substance of the message delivered by my Lieut.-Col. and Capt.

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Ramsay, to which I have returned no answer, neither will I presume to do so without your direction, but endeavour to go on with the service as far as God shall enable me. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 101, 102. *Copy* 1⅓ *p.*]

July 8. 49. Order by the Bench at the General Sessions of the Peace for Herts. held at Hertford under date. It is ordered upon reading the petition of the now Grand Jury of this county that the knights and burgesses of Parliament for this county shall forthwith present copies of the said petition to the High Court of Parliament and the Committee of both kingdoms, under the hand of the Clerk of the Peace of this county. [*Endorsed*: "Read at the Committee, 12 July 1644." ½ *p.*]

July 8. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Governor of Weymouth recommending the speedy finishing of the works there. 2. That a matter [blank] be recommended to the Committee of the West by Mr. Solicitor [St. John]. 3. To advertise the Committee of Hants. of the position of Sir Wm. Waller's army and that of the King. Also that Col. Norton is returning to them. 4. That some [of the Committee] of the Militia be desired to attend in the afternoon. 5. To write to Major-Genl. Browne [instructing him] to endeavour the taking of Boarstall House. Also to let him know that this Committee will recommend it to the Militia to send him supplies of money. To desire him to keep his soldiers together for the present as well as he can. 6. To write to the Governor of Aylesbury to assist Major-Genl. Browne with officers and soldiers for that service. 7. That Sir H. Vane do report to the House [of Commons] the state of Sir W. Waller's army, and recommend the speedy sending away of the 5,000*l.* to him, and for providing a considerable sum for recruiting his army. Also that he report the latter part of Sir William's letter of the 7th inst. 8. That Sir H. Vane, junr., do report the paper given in by the Scotts' Commissioners. 9. That the Earl of Manchester's letter to the Earl of Northumberland be reported to the House by Mr. Crew. Afternoon.—Ordered, 10. That a letter be drafted by Mr. Browne relative to putting in execution the ordinance for Newport Pagnell to be submitted to the Houses of Parliament. 11. To write to the Committee of Leicester seconding a former letter concerning a month's pay to Lord Grey's horse. 12. That a letter be drafted by Sir H. Vane and Mr. Browne to be sent to the Committee of Cambridge and to the several Committees in the Earl of Manchester's Association to hasten the bringing in of the collections for his army. 13. That the difference between the Committee of the Militia and the inhabitants of Bread-street Ward be considered on Wednesday afternoon. 14. That Capt. Greenvile shall with his troop go to the service of Greenland House. 15. That Capt. Bird be there likewise by Thursday next. 16. That 10*l.* be paid to the messenger who

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brought the intercepted letters from Malmesbury, and which are to be considered to-morrow morning. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 120, 121.]

July 8. Aylesbury. Major-General Richd. Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received yours of the 8th inst. upon my coming into Aylesbury. I was resolved for Greenland House, and made the more haste because I heard the enemy was before it. I have since heard of the relief of it, but cannot learn the particulars. I intended, however, to have marched thither with all speed had I not received your directions for Boarstall House. I thereupon consulted with Lieut.-Col. Sadler and Capt. Barber, who were late in possesion of it, and they tell me it will endure a long siege if the enemy have but victual and ammunition, which I fear they have. Truly the regiments of Herts. and Essex are weary of their service, and I have laboured through many difficulties to bring them hither, but find them to be of that spirit that they will not be ordered without mutiny, through which my life has been endangered by the attempts of some of them, for which I have called one before a council of war, where he was condemned to die, yet I have pardoned him, hoping thereby to win the rest. Being now at Aylesbury, the commanders of the said regiments assure me that their soldiers cannot, yea, will not, march to-morrow, and I fear not at all except homeward, the cause of which I wish may not proceed partly from the backwardness of some of the commanders themselves. I shall therefore be forced to lie still till the next day, hoping in the meantime to hear further from you what to do in the premises; whether to sit down before Boarstall House with such foot as may be then left and my few horse, Col. Norton's regiment being commanded away and gone, or what else to do, which I shall to the utmost of my power endeavour to effect according to your commands. P.S.—The pieces assigned me for battery being at Greenland House, as also the engineers and fireworks, besides other necessaries for that purpose, are also special hinderances. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 10. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 8. Fawsley. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the same. It is no little grief to us to acquaint you with our sad condition. We have sent up Col. Holborne to give you full information in any particular you shall question. It was thought fit not to engage the whole army with the King's before we were joined by Major-General Browne, for which purpose we drew off from following the King according to your commands to meet the Major-General, but the result has proved much contrary to our expectations. For the City forces under Sir James Harrington, when they saw the new forces, cried out that their relief was come, and notwithstanding they were paid, away went the White Regiment for London, and many men of the other regiment did the like, besides, those remaining, have Sir James's promise to depart at the end of three weeks. The Major-General himself has gone with his brigade for Greenland House, we could not prevail with him to stay. Thus we are left alone, our own poor foot being very weak, as some being western

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men have gone that way, and our marches have been extraordinary. We have wandered 200 miles since the Lord General and we parted. For the present we resolve to mount as many musketeers as we can and to lodge our ordnance and baggage, and so to do what we may against the enemy. We doubt not but you will take our case seriously and speedily into consideration. If you please to command Major-Genl. Browne to go along with us, we may hold up our reputations and follow the King close. Break but that army and Greenland House will quickly yield. This is the prime time of the year, we therefore beseech you despatch forces to us; we most earnestly beg that Col. Norton may stay but a little [time] with us. We entreat that the pistols and saddles may be hastened away to us, and we desire to receive your commands. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 104. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. We received yours of the 5th from Northampton, whereby we see the state of your army. We will effectually commend it to [the Committee of] the Militia, so far as concerns that part of your forces. We approve your resolution to go toward Greenland [House], only desire that you will take Bostell [Boarstall House] in your way, which the enemy lately took in, and are now fortifying, this we hope will be no long work. We desire you to do what you can to keep your forces together till that business be over. We have written to Aylesbury to furnish you with [such] soldiers and officers as they can spare for Boarstall House. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Bulmer, about 11 o'clock. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 199. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 8. Derby House. The same to the Governor of Aylesbury. Major-General Browne having certified the Committee that they have commended to him the taking of Boarstall House by the way, which if it can be taken it will be an enlargement of your quarters, and free you of an ill neighbour, which we doubt not you [he] will be very ready to do. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 200. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 8. Derby House. The same to the Governor of Weymouth. We have received letters from the Lord Admiral [Warwick], intimating the conveniency of perfecting those fortifications that are designed about Weymouth, the necessity or usefulness thereof you, being upon the place, are sufficiently informed of. Therefore we desire you to use all care and expedition for the completion of them, that both that place may have the security of them and the country thereabout may be the better assured thereby. You are occasionally to certify us of the progress thereof. Signed as above, and sent by Mr Newman, on the 9th July, at 10 o'clock p.m. [*Ibid.*. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 8. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Hampshire. We have received yours of the 5th inst. Yesterday Sir W. Waller was upon his march towards the King's forces with all his horse, and will mount his musketeers, for which purpose Northamptonshire will furnish horses. The King's forces are about Evesham, towards whom

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Sir W. Waller is bending his course. Col. Norton has already received orders to return to you. The [news of the] occurrences in the north we sent you on Saturday at night, and you may assure yourselves that the victory has had many confirmations with advantage. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 201. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 8. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the [Earl of Manchester's] Association. Finding that the good success which our armies have had at York against Prince Rupert's forces is by several ways confirmed, and that with advantage, in which happy work the forces under the Earl of Manchester's command acquitted themselves very well, we could do no less than take this occasion earnestly to recommend to your care to see that the money assigned by Parliament out of your counties for pay of that army be speedily sent to them for their encouragement, being informed of their pressing necessities, and this we conceive ourselves the more obliged to do in regard the employment of that army in those parts hitherto has tended much more to the safety and preservation of your Association than if it had continued within your own limits, and we can assure you in respect of the public it has been an especial means under God of bringing our affairs into that prosperous condition in which they now are, and therefore it much concerns you to give all possible encouragement to that army, to the end they may be enabled to prosecute this great victory, not only for the further security of the Associated counties, which shall be always our care, but likewise for putting the unhappy distractions of these kingdoms to a speedy issue. Sent by John Priestley next day, at 2 afternoon. [*Ibid., pp.* 201, 202 *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

July 8. The like to the Hertford Committee. [*Ibid., p.* 202. *Minute.*]

July 8. The like to the Essex Committee. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 8. The like to the Association Committee. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 8. The like to the Cambridge Committee. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 8. The like for Bury [St. Edmund's], to be sent by the Cambridge Committee. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 8. The like to the Norfolk Committee, [sent] by Mr. Corbett's care. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 9. 50. Examination of Colonel Harvey. He doth not know that Captain [John] Porter [Potter] and Mr. Harbert were employed [as Commissioners to reside] in the Lord General's army by authority of both or either House of Parliament, neither did he ever hear so whilst in the army, and denieth that he ever said of Captain Potter that he was a mutineer and went about to divide the Parliament and General. And he saith that when Captain Potter interposed in the west concerning the sale of certain Sicovia [Segovia, in Spain, *see* above, June 21] wool, which the examinant's Major had bought, fairly buying it by the candle, this examinant asked Captain Potter

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what commission he had for opposing the sale, and Potter refusing to show him his commission, he said to him that till he showed his commission he would not value his power any more than as the power of a common trooper. He doth not remember that he said none but a knave would oppose his Major's bargain, but saith that he doth not conceive it was fair or honest in any to oppose it after he had bought those wools by the candle. He also saith his business at the sale was concerning the wines, and not about the Sicovia [Segovia] wool. [$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 9. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Solicitor St. John do report to the Commons the letters to this Committee from Col. Mytton, of the 3rd instant, and of Sir Thos. Middleton, of the 4th. 2. To write to the Committee of Northampton to secure the principal of those that are come from the Lord General till a commission come for their trial. 3. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to march as strong [a force] as he can to Henley in regard 700 of the enemy are about those parts; to keep up intelligence with those at Henley, and let the forces of the Association know that this Committee will take care for their dismissal when they are come thither. Also, to send him a transcript of the letter from York. 4. To inform the forces at Henley that Major-Genl. Browne is coming to them, and that they keep up intelligence with him. 5. That the letter from the three Generals [Fairfax, Leven, and Manchester] and the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army], be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir H. Vane, junr. respectively, [who are also] to represent to [the Houses] the wants of the three armies [before York]. They are to let the Houses know that this Committee is to write an answer and leave it to both Houses to do as they shall think fit therein. 6. That a letter be written to the three Generals taking notice of their good service to the public, and desiring their prosecution thereof; that this Committee will take care for reporting the wants of the armies to-morrow, the House [of Commons] not sitting this day. To signify what orders had been given to the Earl of Denbigh. To give notice that Thursday week is appointed for a day of public thanksgiving. 7. That copies of the letter from the leaguer before York be sent to the Lord General, the Lord Admiral, the agents in Holland, Sir Wm. Waller, Major-Genl. Browne, and to the Committee of Cambridge to send to the several Committees of the Association. 8. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] recommend it to the House [of Commons] that the Militia may have power for the raising of 500 men for some special service. 9. That the relation from the Lord General [Essex] concerning the Northampton forces be sent to the Committee of Northampton, and to desire them to surrender the persons of some of the principal offenders till they receive further order for their trial. 10. That Mr. Crew and Mr. Recorder draft a letter to Sir Wm. Waller for the

purpose now resolved on. 11. That Mr. Trenchard be desired to be at this Committee at 6 p.m. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 121, 122.]

July 9. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. We have received yours of the 8th present, and upon consideration thereof and consultation with the gentlemen of the three counties we desire you that, omitting for the present the business of Boarstall House, you march with as great a strength as you can towards Henley for the service against Greenland [House]. We desire you to keep good intelligence with them there and to be careful of your march, for that we understand there is a party thereabouts of 700 horse and foot; for that purpose we desire you to use the best means you can to get the forces of the Associated counties to march with you, and when there we shall take care for their dismissal. The news from the north is still confirmed with advantage. The particulars that we have received from the three Generals and the Committee at York you have enclosed, besides which we add no more. We have written to Henley of our order for your march. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Gardner, about one o'clock. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 202. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 9. Derby House. The same to the Commanders at Henley. We have given order to Major-General Browne to march towards Henley with all his forces for the service against Greenland House. We would have you keep intelligence with him upon his march and give him all the advice you can of the enemy's position and movements for his more secure coming to you. We have further confirmation of the news from the north, and that with advantage. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler, at 1 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 203. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 9. Derby House. The same to the three Generals [Lords Fairfax, Manchester, and Leven]. By yours of the 5th present we received confirmation of the news of that very great and seasonable victory [at Marston Moor]. We desire with you to give all the glory to God, but must, withal, give you and the rest your due thanks for your faithful service herein. We doubt not but all good patriots will ever acknowledge how much you have engaged them thereby. We know there will be no need to urge you on to prosecute this victory, which you are already upon. We had before written to the Earl of Denbigh, Sir W. Brereton, Sir Thos. Middleton, and Sir John Meldrum to correspond with you of which we suppose you have some fruit already. The town of Oswaldstree [Oswestry] having been taken in by the Earl of Denbigh was again besieged by the enemy's forces, which we believe occasioned the return of the Earl of Denbigh and Sir Thos. Middleton from Knottesford [Knutsford] for their relief, who have raised the siege with the slaughter of many of the enemy, and are now against Shrewsbury with 1,000 horse and 3,000 foot. The King's forces are about Tewkesbury and Evesholme [Evesham] and Sir W. Waller is marching from Northampton towards them with his horse and

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mounted musketeers. The Lord General [Essex] is in the west as far as Tiverton. The Queen is gone from Excester [Exeter] to Pendennis Castle. There was some attempt made upon Barnstaple by Prince Maurice's forces, but they were several times gallantly repulsed by the townsmen, lost many [men] and some officers, and left the town, on which the Lord General sent a party of horse to its relief. Thursday come sevennight is appointed by both Houses for a day of thanksgiving. Signed as above, and sent by Hutchins. [*Ibid, pp.* 203, 204. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

July 9. Derby House. The same to the Commissioners with the army at York. By yours of the 5th inst. we received confirmation of the news of that very great and seasonable victory [at Marston Moor]. We would not forget the due acknowledgement of those whom God has made instrumental therein. For the occurrences in these parts you may take notice that—The town of Oswestry, &c., *as in the preceding to the end.* Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 204. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 9. Derby House. The same to his Excellence [the Lord General Essex]. Having now received from the north a more particular relation of the action there [at Marston Moor] from the Earls of Leven and Manchester and the Lord Fairfax, we have sent it here enclosed. Other information we have received that there is discontent between Prince Rupert and the Earl of Newcastle. That the Earl of Newcastle has gone to Scarborough and the Prince northward; after whom 5,000 of the Earl of Manchester's and the Scottish horse have marched, besides 1,000 dragoons. The Prince's horse upon a muster since he left York were about 60 cornets consisting of 20 or 25 in a troop. So that, when he shall have joined with the forces under Montrose, they may be from four to five thousand strong. The Earl of Callender was on this side Tweed upon Saturday fortnight, and began to march thence towards Newcastle this day fortnight. The town of Oswestry which had been taken in by the Earl of Denbigh was again besieged by the enemy's forces. The Earl of Denbigh being on his way towards Manchester returned with Sir Thos. Middleton to the relief of Oswestry, where they raised the siege with the slaughter of many of the enemy, 100 made prisoners, and their ammunition and carriages captured. The Earl of Denbigh is now against Shrewsbury with 1,000 horse and 3,000 foot. The King with his forces is now about Tewkesbury and Evesham, and Sir W. Waller about Fawsley. Sent by Mr. Newman, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 205. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 9. The like of this letter was sent to Lord Admiral [Warwick]. [*Ibid. Minute.* 1 *line.*]

July 9. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. The first portion of this letter is the same as the above to Essex to these words "the King with his "forces, &c." We have taken into consideration your letter of the 8th inst. and the relation of Colonel Holborne, and conceive the matter thereof to be very weighty, and shall speedily give you a

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return by him. Meantime, you may take notice that the House [of Commons] has already ordered 10,000*l.* to recruit your army, which we shall endeavour speedily to do. Meantime we desire you who are upon the place to manage your affairs so as may be most for the advantage of the public and the safety of the Association. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hanbury, 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 206. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 10. Salop. 51. Colonel Sir Fulke Huncks to Prince Rupert. Upon Tuesday, 2nd July, I was drawn out with what force I could to join with Colonel Marrow to regain Owestry, where having intelligence of the approach of the enemy, I commanded Colonel Marrow to send out a party of horse to discover their strength, but expressly forbade him to engage; yet contrary to my knowledge or direction he took with him the whole body of horse and engaged himself so far that he was routed before I knew anything of it. As soon as I had notice thereof by a messenger from himself desiring me to draw off, his horse being wholly routed, I put myself in a posture for the security of the cannon, and drawing them off the first man I met was Marrow, all alone. Perceiving the enemy was like to cut between us and Shrewsbury, we drew what strength we could together and with small loss made a retreat, and brought off our cannon to Shrewsbury, where we quartered the remainder of Marrow's troops. The Thursday following the enemy advanced to this town, Lord Denbigh commanding in chief thinking to have surprised it, out of confidence of a good party he had in the town; but the outworks were so well defended and Marrow falling out with horse, his Lordship was forced to retire with some loss, and being passed over Mumford Bridge, he set it on fire and retired, dividing his troops, to Oswestry, where he tarried not long, but borrowed 1,000 men and with his own troops went to Cholmondeley, which just now I hear he hath taken. Marrow is now returning to go about Chirk to seek to get his horse together again. This country is in a very bad condition, and men are here very slow in fulfilling your Highness's commands. Here is but little added to what you left, nor was ever any man amongst so many caterpillars as I am, and I see not any possibility of amendment in your absence. I shall most humbly desire your Highness to consider what good intelligence I have, whereby I am informed that having taken Cholmondeley they intend for Morton Corbet, from thence to Artley [Artlebury] and so to us, if they are not prevented. If your Highness do not cast an eye upon the forces which are here. The news is better from the King's army, from whence we receive intelligence that his forces have brought off ten pieces of Waller's ordnance and many prisoners, with the general of their artillery. In this action Lord Wilmot was taken prisoner, and by the same party that took him brought into the King's guards unknown to them that brought him, whereby they became prisoners themselves and he was rescued, having only received a slight hurt. Sir William Waller who commanded [is] reported to be hurt and [to have] retired to Northampton. The King is now at Evesham. But the

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most joyful news we hope to have daily confirmed is of your Highness's great success over the ungrateful Scot, and the overthrow given to them, of which we hear from several parts, although not expressly from that place. [*Seal with device, partly in cipher.* 2 *pp.*]

July 10. 52. Copy of a portion of the above letter deciphered. [*Endorsed:* "Huncks' letter, unciphered." ¾ *p.*]

July 10. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. [Recorder] Glynn, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Sir W. Waller acknowledging the receipt of his letter and the state of his army from Col. [James] Holborne; to let him know that the forces of Major-General Browne and Col. Norton are otherwise disposed of, the reasons whereof Col. Holborne will acquaint him with; to desire him to manage his affairs being upon the spot so as may be most for the public advantage. 2. That Sir Henry Vane, junr., do recommend to the House [of Commons] the speedy despatch of the recruits for Sir W. Waller's army, and to let them know that the Committee has received more letters from Sir William informing the necessity thereof. 3. To write to Col. Aylott desiring the continuance of his forces (which were at Newport Pagnell) with Sir W. Waller for the present until by the recruit of his army, which we shall endeavour speedily to effect, they may be recalled. Afternoon.—Ordered, 4. That the letters from the leaguer before York be reported to both Houses of Parliament by the Earl of Northumberland and Sir H. Vane respectively, as also the paper of the French Resident sent to Walter Montague. 5. To write to the Earl of Denbigh that Prince Rupert is returned again towards Lancashire; that Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir John Meldrum are sent into Lancashire to stop the passages, and that there is a great force of horse following him. 6. That letters be prepared by Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Pierrepont, and three others named, or any two of them, to be sent to Col. Massie, and to his officers, concerning the difference between them. 7. That the same sub-committee with the addition of Mr. Barclay shall prepare letters according to the notes of the House [of Commons] of this day. 8. That the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex be desired to apprehend the person of Ralph Hardwick for his contempt and disobedience to the orders of this Committee. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 123.]

July 10. Daventry. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. Though I have little to write, having yesterday, by Col. Holborne, represented the condition of this army, yet I cannot but present my most humble service to your Lordships to let you know that I continue here at Daventry, in expectation of those horses promised out of this county, so I hope to be enabled to mount a considerable party of musketeers. In this county and Warwickshire I have met with a general readiness to assist me, but at Newport Pagnell Col. Ayliffe and Capt. Middleton have not expressed those affections I expected. The last flatly refused to march his troop with me,

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and is gone to Cambridge, far enough out of gunshot. I shall not be wanting to perform with zeal the best service I can. P.S.—The King is at Evesham, having made diverse feints to march towards Worcester or Tewkesbury, but always returned to his same quarters. I look upon the enemy as in great distraction, and were I supplied with some foot, in lieu of those who basely ran away from their colours to London, I would march up to them, but till then I suppose I shall do you the best service by temporising, and shall only employ horse and dragoons against the enemy as I shall see advantage. I would recommend Col. Jones's regiment to your charity, that you may recommend its preservation to the [Commons'] House. There was an order for the payment of their arrears by a rate upon the country, notwithstanding which there is nothing done, and the regiment is likely to disband. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 105. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 10. Wickham. Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the same. Being at Aylesbury when I received your commands to march to Boarstall House, I determined to stay there that day for the refreshment of the wearied soldiers, where also I received advertisement by Mr. Whitelock of your further pleasure that, notwithstanding your former commands, I should hasten to Greenland House. I instantly beat drums and began to march at 4 or 5 in the afternoon, and by marching all night am got to Wickham, where I received yours of the 9th inst., with the enclosed news from York, for which I thank you. I intended not to have made any stay here, but I hear the enemy, upon our approach, is withdrawn, and the siege according to my order continued, and now the tiredness of the soldiers will not let me be there before the morning. I shall be very careful in our march, as I am informed there are 700 horse and 500 foot mounted attending our coming. I am further advertised by Col. Horton, from Mr. Hobby, that the enemy draws towards Reading, as it is thought to plunder the town, having warned in all the carts and teams thereabouts to attend them. I intend to send a party thither, when I come to Greenland House, for the security [of the town] and the safety of the gentlemen of the Committee appointed to come thither, which I much desire may be hastened, and that some engineers may also be sent down to direct the necessary fortifications of the town. I shall take along with me as many of the country forces as I can. Horse I want very much, and am sadly afraid that Capt. Temple's troop will disband themselves unless you take a speedy course for their supply with money. Truly the gentleman himself is a very gallant man and his troop very serviceable, and in whom I may confide. I would desire that some constant course be taken for his future pay, with which object I have sent him with this letter to wait on your honours. P.S.—I have received fresh intelligence from Greenland House, that 1,000 horse and foot were yesterday seen to come forth of Oxford and quartered last night at New Elm, whether [they were intended] to join with the party late at Greenland House [in order to enable them] to come thither again or to [advance against]

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Basing House is uncertain. Had I more horse I could discover their motions and probably prevent their design. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 106, 107. *Copy*=1¼ *p.*]

July 10. Leicester. Lord Thos. Grey to the same. I received your letter concerning the man who was so unfortunately killed by one of my soldiers. States particulars of the accident. Next morning the constable of the town brought me the letters found in his pocket, which I have sent to your Lordships; the horse is kept safe till you give order who shall receive him. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 107. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 10. Tiverton. The Lord General Essex to the same. I should very readily have obeyed your commands touching the three Northampton troops, but they have prevented me by their most shameful running away and abusing their captains, who had taken very great care of them. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 108. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 10. Tiverton. The same to the same. Although Somerset and Devon show great affection to the Parliament [cause] and [desire] to be rid of the Egyptian slavery [they have endured], yet there are two things which greatly hinder the aid we should have of the country. The first is their desire to serve under their own countrymen and not be listed in my army, so that although there be multitudes of men they are useless until arms and the gentlemen who have the power over them be come down. The second hinderance is occasioned by the enemy's garrisons keeping the countries greatly in awe both for hindering of contributions and their rising in Somerset, Bristol, Bridgwater, Castle of Taunton, and Castle of Dunston [Dunster]. For the prevention of these inconveniences I have taken the best care I can. My army is much divided, Lord Robartes being still with three regiments of foot and two of horse at Barnstaple, a regiment of foot and a troop of horse at Weymouth, Sir Robt. Pye with three troops of horse at Taunton to secure Lieut.-Col. Blake in raising of Col. Popham's regiment, and to prevent mischief by the Castle. Sir Robt. Pye with his great care and industry has reduced the Castle of Taunton. The articles of surrender and inventory of what was found therein are inclosed. It was so well provided that nothing but their own panic fears could have made us masters of that stronghold, which is of great concernment to us, it being the only strength we have in these two cos. [Somerset and Devon]. As soon as the convoy sent to Lyme [Regis] for the money is returned I hope we shall give a good account of our forwardness to serve the Parliament, and of our care to reduce these parts to its subjection. Until of late that necessity has pressed the army for want of pay, I am confident never people suffered less by an army whilst I could make any shift for their subsistence, but I must confess that the country has suffered somewhat of late for want of the soldiers' pay Now that money is coming down I doubt not but the country will find it rather an ease than a burden by the army. When the convoy brought those few to Bridgwater which were left, the commander there sent out this scandalous relation concerning the armies in the north, by which you may see they have no way to keep their

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plundering army on foot, but by raising these lying reports. And yet [there is some truth in] that part which concerns Cols. Popham and Ludlow, though the strength they are said to have was false yet the want was too true; the design I was ignorant of, never having heard from them since Waller's brigade and I parted. P.S.—I have sent 40 reformadoes to Milford in Pembrokeshire. [*Ibid., pp.* 108, 109. *Copy.* 1⅔ *pp.*]

July 10. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir W. Waller. We hear from Col. Massie [Governor of Gloucester] that the garrisons and soldiers under his charge are much distressed for want of pay. He writes earnestly for money, but the excise and sequestrations being assigned already there is no way to maintain his forces but by such assessments as he may levy upon the county of Gloucester. We therefore desire you to let him take the benefit of that county, and doubt not but the Parliament will provide for your army from hence. Colonel Massie will be hard [be]set, if the King's army be near him and not yours, we therefore entreat you to send back Col. Massie's foot unless you advance into those parts. We receive advertisement from Capt. [Walter] Stewart who brought up the colours taken by our armies in their victory, that Prince Rupert is likely to come again into Lancashire, and that Sir Wm. Brereton, and Sir John Meldrum are appointed to come into that shire to stop the passages whilst other forces follow him. You are therefore desired to keep good correspondence with them and the Earl of Denbigh for your mutual security. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Col. [James] Holborne. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 206, 207. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 10. Derby House. The same to the same. You mention in yours your resolution to mount musketeers and follow the King's forces. We have seriously considered this matter as Col. [James] Holborne who was present at the debate will inform you, and have resolved to leave it to you, who are upon the spot, to act as you shall judge most conducive to the public good, with regard had for securing the Earl of Manchester's Association. We shall endeavour to further your recruits, which we have to-day again recommended to the House [of Commons]. The forces of Major [-General] Browne cannot come to you and Col. Richd. Norton with the three troops of horse, which we formerly wrote of, are otherwise disposed of, the reasons whereof Col. Holborne can inform you. Sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 207. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 10. Derby House. The same to Col Aylott [Ayloffe]. We have considered yours of the 7th inst., and shall be very careful of your regiment, as being part of the Earl of Manchester's forces. We desire that those with Sir W. Waller may stay with him till his recruits, which are hastened, may come to him, when they shall return to you. Those [forces] at Aylesbury are both near to you and lie well there for the defence of the Association. Sent by the Colonel's messenger, Wm. Sedgwick. [*Ibid., p.* 208. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

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July 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Leicester. By ours of the 7th April and 1st May we required you to furnish Lord Grey's regiment of horse with a month's pay, of which we hear only one fortnight is paid. We desire you to forthwith furnish the remaining fortnight's pay in order that they may put themselves into a better posture to serve the public as they shall receive orders. Signed as above, and sent by Lord Grey's servant. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. By the enclosed you will see the unworthy carriage of some of your forces who have in that manner left the public service under the Lord General to return home. We desire you to secure some of the principal offenders that they may be proceeded against by a Commission. It is of so ill example that unless it be timely prevented it will ruin all our armies. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Potter on the 11th at 1 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 209. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 11. Nantwich. 53. Basil Earl of Denbigh to the Committee for both kingdoms. I advanced with these united forces to Knotsforth [Knutsford] in prosecution of your commands to me for Lancashire, and being [there was surprised] with the news of Colonel Marrow's [besieging Os]waldstre [Oswestry] with 2,000 foot and 600 horse, men tumultuously gathered together besides some small forces taken out of garrisons, to take advantage of the absence of ours. Upon mature deliberation with the advice of the Council of War, I desired Sir Thomas Middleton to take his own horse and the Cheshire foot and join with the foot in Wem to raise the siege. At the same time I went to Manchester to advise with Sir John Meldrum about the affairs of those parts, and finding it unsafe for me to pass into Yorkshire whilst my own Association lay under so great a danger, and that my instructions had not such a latitude, and unwilling to give the enemy the opportunity of raising a considerable body in Wales and Shropshire, which they were endeavouring to do, as by sad experience in Lancashire they were suffered to perfect their levies there, I assigned to Sir John Meldrum the nine troops of Nottingham and Derby, in all 500 horse, to join with Sir W. Brereton's horse, and the horse and foot of Lancashire, to give their assistance [to the army] before York; and with my own regiment of horse and the Staffordshire horse and [foot I] marched back towards Oswaldstre and sent to [Sir] Thomas Middleton to acquaint him with my [design] of joining with him; but he finding his opportunity [sooner] thought not fit to stay for me, and the day before I came to Oswaldstre had the good success to raise the siege. For particulars of that action I refer you to his relation, and only add that my regiment of foot seconded by Sir Thomas Middleton's horse and foot beat back the enemy to Oswaldstre three miles, and a little beyond that town till the Cheshire foot took their places, and followed up the execution; and if I could have advanced in a convenient time, or the action had been deferred till our forces had united—which the Council of War inclined unto, and the attempt had been put off if the letters sent

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to advertise my approach had not been concealed—the victory had been more complete, and in all probability we had been masters of their cannon and best men, which belonged to the garrisons of Shrewsbury and adjacent parts; which would have placed us in fair hopes of gaining these parts of the kingdom. Upon my arrival at Oswestry, with the advice of the Council of War, I ordered our march the same day towards Shrewsbury, as well to pursue and take them unprovided after their rout the day before, as in hope of drawing in the country and giving opportunity to a party in Shrewsbury, which the Committee at Wem had often assured me would upon any advantage declare themselves in our favour. Thursday, the 4th instant, I appointed a rendezvous for all our forces upon Knockin heath; thence we advanced to Montford Bridge upon the Severn, where the enemy had made a drawbridge and placed about 40 musketeers with some horse for a guard. We gained the bridge with little dispute, and the horse passed the ford close by. Their foot was pursued with great vigour, and their horse was followed within a mile and a half of Shrewsbury, where we took Major [John] Fisher in his quarters, major to Colonel Egerton, with some troopers. But being in apprehension of some ambush I caused a retreat to be sounded and drew up the horse upon a heath within a mile of the town. By the time the rear came up we had intelligence that Marrow was issued out of the town with his horse and had lined all the edges betwixt that heath and Shrewsbury with musketeers. Immediately I ordered the horse and foot to give on, who killed some, and drove the rest within the gates of the town, and my troop which led the van took Major Manley, major to Lord Byron and Governor of Bangor, within little more than pistol shot of their works. We took that day other officers and 20 troopers and soldiers. Colonel Marrow was far engaged and had been taken but for the swiftness of his horse. Upon facing the town and viewing the strength of their works, from whence it did appear they did not want men by their shooting 100 muskets in a volley several times, and our forces no way proportionable in number to the greatness of the design, I held it unsafe to engage in a siege, and so drew off back to the heath, where we quartered that night; but with much difficulty brought off the Cheshire foot, who could by no order be withdrawn from firing against the town. That evening one foot colours was brought me from a house near Montford Bridge. Next day we marched to Wem, where, upon receipt of your instructions, which gave me the liberty I formerly desired, I pressed the returning to the assistance of the armies in Yorkshire, reports being then doubtful concerning the late great victory in those parts. Sir Thos. Middleton, though desirous to employ his forces in Wales, was, notwithstanding, persuaded to join me in pursuance of your orders. Describes the siege, storming, and capture of Cholmondeley House on his way to Yorkshire. We took in the house the Governor, Lieutenant-Colonel Horton (who but two hours before returned a scornful answer to the summons I sent that he would begin to parley a month after), with 65 prisoners, their arms and two barrels

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of powder, one foot colours, great store of provisions and about 20 horses, some of great value. The house is surrounded with a large deep moat, and with small addition may be rendered very considerable and of great strength. Upon my retiring into a convenient place whither I had called a Council of War, before we were assembled, both horse, foot, and train of artillery marched away without order, and I [was] forced to follow after to Nantwich. This may give your Lordships some testimony both of the danger and trouble incident to those who command forces of several qualities and dependencies; and unless you be pleased to right me in my power that I may raise forces to make me more considerable to those who are appointed to join with me and are in no other relation to me than upon the occasion of some special service, I shall not only be disabled from doing your Lordships service when by the computation of forces assigned me much may be expected from us, but even those forces by such disorder and variety of commands will be subject to dishonour and ruin. I had appointed Knotsforth [Knutsford] for a rendezvous to all our forces, but receiving the enclosed from Sir W. Brereton, wherein I am advised by the Generals before York to hold intelligence with Sir W. Waller, with intimation of their sending 5,000 horse under Major-General Cromwell to disperse the remainder of Prince Rupert's forces, and Sir Thomas Middleton lying under no command to join me against the King's army, and now conceiving himself free, is loth to lose the opportunity of entering Wales and settling himself there in some place of advantage, which Sir T. Middleton, who hath great interest in the Cheshire gentlemen, doth press very much; and the Staffordshire Committee declaring their want of foot to defend Stafford upon the approach of the King's army; my regiment of horse very much discontented, as will appear by the enclosed petition of some of the chief commanders, in the name of the rest; all these considerations necessitate me to retire to Stafford, as being of no use here, and I intend to remain there as long as I find myself useful to the service of the kingdom and of that Association or any way capable of performing your commands; but when I shall find myself destitute of forces I must repair to your Lordships to be enabled for that service you have further engaged me in, by setting a value and esteem upon those actions it hath pleased God to bless me in. P.S.—I would willingly have omitted giving you account of the loss of Major Pinkeney, major to Colonel Rudgeley, in the taking of Cholmondeley House. He was a gallant gentleman and a good soldier, but hazarded himself on this occasion beyond my order. I lost no other officer and only two sergeants, four soldiers, and about 20 wounded. [*Endorsed:* "Lord Denbigh to this Committee, received 15 [July] 1644." *Much damaged.* 6 *pp.*]

July 11. Copy of the above. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 112–117. *Copy.* 5½ *pp.*]

July 11. 54. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in explanation of a former ordinance for the taking and receiving of the accounts by

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1644. the Committee for the Accounts of the kingdom. Whereas the sub-committees to be appointed by the Committee named in the previous ordinance in any county, city, or place have the same powers given them within their several limits as the central Committee has, and are not appointed to receive any directions from or to return any accounts which may prove inconvenient and hinder the action of this Committee; it is hereby ordered that this Committee shall have power to determine the accounts and to give discharges in writing, keeping the vouchers, and that the sub-committees shall pursue such directions as they shall receive from this Committee; and because a true account cannot be taken of the money paid to the armies, officers, and soldiers in garrisons, cities, and counties, except exact musters be duly made and kept of the said forces and accounts taken of the arms and horse in the several counties; it is hereby further ordained that the several Committees of Parliament, having power to execute the several ordinances, shall every month take particular musters and keep true muster-rolls of all the officers and soldiers by name raised within the several counties, cities, and garrisons where they are authorised as Committees of Parliament; and that all colonels, captains, and officers shall make good all horses and arms under their several commands. The charges for taking these accounts shall be paid out of the Chamber of London, and that, according to an order of 13 March, 200*l.* shall be forthwith paid to the Committee for Accounts. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii., p.* 558. 3¼ *pp.*]

July 11. 55. The same in pamphlet form. [*Printed in black letter for Edward Husband.* 6 *pp.*]

July 11. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir Walter Erle be here at 3 p.m. 2. To urge the Committee of Sussex to hasten the bringing in of their money for payment of Col. Stapeley. 3. That Messrs. Shelley, Hayes, and Rainscroft, gents. of Sussex, be desired to attend in the afternoon. 4. That a messenger go along with Ralph Hardwick to see the order of 25 June executed. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. That letters be written to the Committees of Essex and to Sir Thos. Honeywood to dismiss their trained bands, with thanks for their service, as also to Major-Genl. Browne to signify the same to him. 6. That the petition of the Governor of Warwick Castle be reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Crew. 7. Likewise Mr. Crew to report the desire of Mr. White for 1,000 backs, breasts, and potts for Lord Fairfax's horse. 8. That all reports to be made to the House of Commons shall be made by the members of that House, who are also of this Committee, each one [having] his day [fixed] as they stand named in the ordinance; and Mr. Pierrepont to begin to-morrow. 9. To write to Lord Grey recommending the exchange of Sir Edward Hartop's troop for that of Capt. Danvers, which should have been one of the three to

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remain in the county, but Sir Edward's was inserted in its stead [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 124.]

July 11. Henley. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I desire to give you an account of my proceedings since my last from Wickham. On Thursday the 11th inst. I marched thence towards Greenland House, and drawing up my main body faced the house, firing a few shots with our gun, which did good execution. Towards night I marched to Henley for our refreshment, and the enemy shortly after our coming thither beat a parley, which I accepted. The Governor of Greenland House thereupon sent Lieut.-Col. Palmer and Capt. Bradley with their demands in writing, but as he gave them no power to conclude I returned them till they had such authority under the Governor's hand. Terms demanded. The envoys being at length enabled for the business, I considered the much feared distress of the gentlemen lying before Basing House, the advantage we may make by a speedy going to Boarstall House or by fortifying Reading, which our lying before Greenland House, so strongly fortified as it is, must necessarily impede. At length I agreed, by advice of a Council of War, that the garrison should march away, the officers with their horses and swords, the soldiers with their arms and colours, leaving all their ordnance, five pieces, ammunition, &c., for the service of the State, allowing them a convoy of horse for their guard towards the garrison of Wallingford. I shall be presently possessed of the house, and desire your direction whether I shall demolish it or leave it standing, and what course I shall now steer. P.S.—The Committee of St. Alban's send me word that they can no longer pay their regiments and desire they may be sent home, at least one regiment, and bid me to take care for the payment of the other. Since the taking of Greenland House, I understand the Herts. and Essex men will not stay any longer with me. I desire your advice what to do in the premises, however, [there shall be] no want of my endeavours to stay them. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 110, 111. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

July 11. Daventry. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received your two letters of the 10th inst. Concerning Col. Massie I shall not willingly do anything to the prejudice of him or his garrisons. All I did, upon the taking in of Sudeley, was to lay a month's contribution upon Kiftsgate division [of co. Gloucester] after the rate they were assessed by his Majesty, which came to about 2,000*l.* This division was by that service reduced under the power of the Parliament and had never formerly paid one penny to it, being the richest part of that county and totally malignant. I humbly suppose, if I had laid a double rate, they might well have borne it, and Col. Massie might rather have thanked me for freeing so great a portion of that county, than have grudged me the raising of a little money, which would never have come into his purse and which has been all expended for the public service; of that 2,000*l.* I received little above 400*l.* The Col., by his warrants, countermanded the payment

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thereof, and styling himself Commander-in-Chief of that county, forbade all to receive any orders but from himself, the Lord General [Essex], or the [Commons'] House. I humbly conceive my commission of Major-General over that county, as well as some others, is still in force, and that he [Massie] cannot justify that carriage towards me. But I hope I shall at all times rather deny myself than prejudice your Lordships' service. That little force I had from him, which was not half of what was promised, I shall very willingly remand to him again, so soon as I have opportunity to send them with safety. I should with the same readiness dismiss Col. Norton and his three troops so soon as he has his orders. I shall do my best to secure this Association, and, as far as I can in this weak condition, to perform some service upon the enemy, but I humbly desire the recruit[ing] may be hastened. This day I received a letter from the Generals before York, signifying their happy success and desiring me to attend his Majesty's movements as near as I can, with promise of assistance from them if he march northward and I follow him. I shall not fail to keep the best intelligence I can with the Earl of Denbigh, who has quitted Shrewsbury and is marched towards Cholmondeley House [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 111, 112. *Copy* = 1⅓ *pp.*]

July 11. Torbay. Robert Earl of Warwick to the same. That I might the better secure Dartmouth and Topsham, on Monday last I came into Torbay. I have despatched my Vice-Admiral to Falmouth, where I am informed the Queen [of England] has diverse ships in readiness to transport her into France, if not prevented; he has three good ships with him, and if there be occasion [for action] you may expect a very faithful account of that service. The money which came for the army I sent from hence to Lyme Regis, according to the Lord General [Essex's] desire, and I hope it is before now in safety at the army. Dartmouth still stands out, but many of the inhabitants have this week fled to the ships for refuge, that they might decline an oath which the Governor there endeavours to obtrude upon them, and are since sent to Plymouth, where they desire to list themselves in the Parliament's service. That and the other ports yet in hostility have ships constantly plying before them, whereby some vessels have been long detained in harbour, watching opportunities of escape. Yesterday two French merchants having vessels at Dartmouth desired my leave to go forth, they belonging to Morlaix and St. Malo, but themselves admitting that they were invited to trade by the King's proclamation, and being informed that one of them had remained there some time purposely to colour goods as Frenchmen's, though belonging to subjects of this kingdom, and considering the Parliament's command expressed in the ordinance of 30 November last, I refused to give way to their desire, though they urged my refusal [to] be a sufficient cause to stay our merchants' goods in France. If you should see reason to give other order, I shall cheerfully conform my obedience thereunto. I have received notice of some charges against Capt. Swanley, who came lately from the service of Ireland, and is shortly to go again,

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I also find him cleared of those charges by the votes and opinions of the Committee of the Navy, wherein I rest satisfied, and shall return him to his former charge as Admiral of Ireland, unless you should order to the contrary, he having done very good service in those parts. Joining with you in an acknowledgment of God's great mercy to the Parliament's armies in the north I end. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 118, 119. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

July 11. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Samuel Luke. We are informed that there is 500*l.* of the money remaining due to your garrison of Newport from co. Northampton, which has been assigned to Capt. Purbeck Temple, who has offered to collect the same, but no part as yet collected. The troop is like to disband and be lost for want of means of subsistence at a time when they may be of so good use. This gentleman has deserved so well of the State, both in raising and arming his troop at his own charge and keeping them hitherto together without charge to the country, that we hope you will be content that money may be assigned to him, who is willing to collect the same. We pray you to signify so much to the Committee at Northampton with our letter enclosed. Given to Capt. Temple. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 209, 210. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

July 11. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. There is 500*l.* of the sum remaining due from your county to the garrison of Newport which has been assigned to Capt. Purbeck Temple, who is willing to collect it. We desire you, therefore, if Sir Samuel Luke shall be content therewith, that the money may be appointed to Capt. Temple, that thereby his troop may be preserved and encouraged for the present service. We have written to Sir Samuel about it, from whom you will receive his mind therein. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and given to Capt. Temple. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 210, 211. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

July 11. Derby House. The same to Col. [Edward] Massey. We have considered of your letters received from the House of Commons and of those you sent to us, wherein you represent the miscarriage of some of your officers, which was also related to us by Capt. Bacchus [Backhouse]. And considering many circumstances, and that the common enemies are at the door, and peradventure encouraged to come thither by this distraction, it is not now fit to put in exercise such things as may at another time be necessary. We conceive the submission and acknowledgment of your officers showed to us by Capt. Bacchus [Backhouse], wherein they vindicate your honour from their own aspersions, doth much incline you to pass by what is past, which we desire you will forget, they conforming themselves for the future to your direction. And we have sent to Major Grey and the other officers the [opinion] this Committee has of what they have done, and that they are to manifest themselves to be such as you expect and they ought to be. We know your very well deserving of this Commonwealth, and are most sensible of your honour, both which our endeavours shall demonstrate to you. The House of Commons have before them your business with Sir Wm. Waller. We have

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herein enclosed a copy of our letter to Major Gray and the other officers. Signed as above, and sent by Capt. Bacchus. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 212. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 11. Derby House. The same to Lieut.-Col. [Francis] White, Major Gray, and divers other captains and officers under Col. [Edw.] Massey, who had petitioned the Lord General [Essex] against him. We have received informations of some grievances with which you have endeavoured to asperse the Governor of your garrison, especially your Major-General [Col. Massey]. In which endeavours we conceive you have done him wrong, and we find you have under your hands in part disclaimed them. We would let you know the evil consequence of such ways is very great, and the peace and safety of your town must needs by such disorders be much hazarded. But trusting to hear no more of this nature for the time to come, we have written to your Governor [in the preceding letter] that what is past may be forgotten. We require you for the future so to behave yourselves to him as may express the duty you owe to his authority, and that henceforth no private grudges or emulation may produce any disturbance amongst yourselves, and that the common enemy, wanting such opportunities, may not by your distractions attain their own mischievous ends, to your and the common ruin. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 213. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

July 12. 56. Petition of the Committee for the Militia of co. Herts to the Committee of both kingdoms. All the three regiments of this county are in actual service out of the county, the payment whereof amounteth each week to above 1,000*l.* The commanders and soldiers daily solicit us for money; we accordingly send out warrants for levying thereof, but money not coming in proportionably to our disbursements, we have been constrained, to prevent the disbanding of our soldiers, to borrow some hundreds of pounds upon our own credit, to provide ammunition and pay our soldiers, as also to send letters to divers able persons to borrow money of them, engaging ourselves for repayment when it is collected, which for a time did bring in some quantities of money to supply our occasions. But since the publishing of the late ordinance, 5 July, which seems to transfer the power of the militia from the Committee to the Lord Lieutenant and deputy lieutenants, little or no money upon the said letters or other taxes is brought in, either to pay our regiments or to make repayment of what we have borrowed; but the ill-affected assemble in great numbers, triumphing in the new ordinance, and vilifying the Committee and commanders—men who will willingly sacrifice their lives for defence of the Parliament—by us employed. And upon Monday the 8th present, at the quarter-sessions, three or four of these ill-affected persons caused a petition in the name of the whole county to be by the grand jury—men not well versed in business of this nature—presented to the Bench, complaining of oppression by us for maintaining the militia, whereas what we have done has been at the command of this [your] Committee, and [from] a deep sense

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of the kingdom's necessity so requiring. In brief, the main scope of their endeavour is to alienate the affections of the people from the Committee for the Militia, whereby money may be withheld, which must occasion the disbanding of our soldiers, erect the shadow of a militia instead of the substance, and by degrees make the malignant the prevailing party. Pray, the time limited in their ordinance being nearly expired, that their ordinance may be renewed, so that they may be able to make payment of the money they have borrowed for maintaining their regiments and to perfect that work wherein they have so far proceeded; and that, in the ordinance to be renewed, those of their Committee who seldom attend, and show disaffection to the Parliament cause, may be left out, and those continued in it protected from any oppression through the new ordinance which they may expect in regard of the service they have done. *Underwritten,*

56. I. *Four heads, showing what the present Committee have done for the county in the Parliament interest.* [1 *sheet.*] *Annexed,*

56. II. *Requisites to be considered by this honourable Committee* [*for both kingdoms*] *whether two militias in Herts. at one and the same time, managed by several persons, be profitable to the State or not. Also reasons demonstrating why the militia should be disposed of as formerly by the Committee.* [Endorsed: "*Read* 12 *July* 1644." 1¼ *p.*]

July 12. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, reporter, Crewe, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Hants., assuring them that Col. Norton is appointed to return to them. 2. That the petitions of the grand jury of Herts to the justices of peace in their sessions, and of the Committee of the Militia for that county, presented to this Committee, together with the reasons [advanced] by that Committee why the militia should continue in the same state it is now in, be reported to the House of Commons, together with the desire of the Committee of the Militia of London expressed in that behalf. And their attestation of the activity, usefulness, and good affection of that Committee to the City of London. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 125.]

July 12. Torbay. Robert Earl of Warwick to the Committee of both kingdoms Though I know your affairs concerning this kingdom are very great and many, not readily admitting diversions by business of a more remote consideration, yet having lately received some advertisements of an attempt made upon the island of Sark under the jurisdiction of Guernsey, and of an offer made to my Lieut.-Governor of Guernsey about betraying his charge and his faithful answers thereunto, I thought fit to communicate to you a copy of these proceedings that you may peruse it at leisure. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 119. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 12. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Thos. Honeywood. By yours of the 10th inst. we understand your desire to return with your forces into your county. We know that your soldiers belonging to the trained bands cannot, without great inconvenience, be long absent from their employments, especially at harvest time. As they were not drawn forth without a pressing necessity, so we desire not to continue them longer under those difficulties which they are unaccustomed to than there is need. We take their willing rising as a very good service to the public, besides their own safety assured thereby against an enemy who was resolved to have fallen into the bowels of the Association had not your readiness to meet him abroad prevented it. We thank you for your good service in this expedition, and think fit that your trained bands may now go home into their countries. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Bulmer, 3 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 211. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 12. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We have seen by your letters the great desire of the trained bands of Essex now with you to return home, and the same has been intimated to us from themselves. We know they are men of trade and employment, and cannot well be absent from their occasions, by attendance on which they are enabled to [supply] those great levies which issue from that county amongst the rest of that Association. Besides the men are mostly of that quality and course of life as cannot well bear the difficulties of a soldier's life. Therefore we have thought fit to dismiss them for the present, and to give you notice thereof. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 215. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 12. The like letter to the Committee for Essex, *mutatis mutandis*. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 211. *Minute.*]

July 13. 57. The Committee for the General Accounts of the kingdom to Martyn Dallison, requiring him to appear before them on July 15 inst. at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house late of Alderman Freeman in Cornhill, London. [½ *p.*]

July 13. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lord Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., reporter, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the arms and other [military] provisions which are in controversy between Sir John Clotworthy and the Committee at Grocers' Hall shall not be removed, shipped away, or otherwise disposed of until this Committee shall be further satisfied concerning the same. 2. That the matter in difference specified in the precedent entry be reported to the House of Commons by Sir H. Vane, senr., with all the papers concerning the same. 3. That the Committee at Grocers' Hall do bring in a particular of the ammunition and other provisions that are in the stores for Ireland to this Committee on Monday afternoon. 4. To write to Major-General Browne to garrison Greenland House so that it may be able to hold out for some time if the

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enemy should look that way; and to report to this Committee the state of his army, specifying what strength of horse and foot he will have left when those from Essex and Herts. shall be come away. 5. That the Earl of Denbigh's letter be taken into consideration in the afternoon. 6. That the reference of the House of Commons concerning Capt. [John] Banister be taken into consideration on Monday afternoon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 125.]

July 13. Henley. Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. In obedience to your orders I have discharged the Essex men. The Herts.' men are extremely discontented that they have not the same liberty, and both officers and soldiers assure me they will not stay two days longer. Had your honours respited their return but a week longer, till I had in some measure fortified Reading, I might then have defended myself, but now I am left, as it is easy to judge, with a handful of men and a train of artillery rather to bestow upon than to oppose the enemy, who, as I am informed by letters from the Committee of Hants. and others, are drawing into a great body at Newbury, intending both the relief of Basing House and to fall upon my quarters. You may be pleased to consider my condition, and to afford me such timely supply that I may in some measure do the work I came about, and not be left a prey to the enemy. You may further notice that the gentlemen of the Windsor regiment, now with me, desire they may be still continued in this service, and that Col. Venn may have order to raise men in the country thereabouts to keep the Castle, that such willing men as are there may be permitted to come hither to complete the regiment, which is likewise my request. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 120. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 13. Towcester. Sir William Waller to the same. I have received several intelligences that his Majesty is marched towards Bristol, facing suddenly about that way by Sudeley, after he was advanced over Broadway Hill towards Woodstock, whither it was given out he intended to march. The order I received from your Lordships commanded me to attend his march, and I am ready with all humbleness to obey it, but there be some things which stick with me upon the motion of the King westward, which I have desired Sir Arthur Haselrigg to communicate to you, wherein I humbly crave further directions. I have received near 1,000 dragoon horses from Northamptonshire, and I desire that some notice may be taken of their readiness to advance the service. Upon the probability of his Majesty's marching to Woodstock, from whence he might take his way according to the former design, into the Associated counties, I marched to Towcester, from whence I intended to move to Aylesbury, to prevent any mischief that might befall those parts, and to-night I purpose to be at Buckingham. In expectation of your further commands I rest. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 121. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lord [Thomas] Grey. There was a request formerly made to this Committee from the Committee of the county of Leicester, that those three troops which

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they had raised at their own charge and were not of your Lordship's regiment might be continued in that county for its safety, that being the end for which they were raised. This request was then and is yet thought fit to be granted them. But there was by some means some mistake in the order concerning it whereby Sir Edward Hartop's troop, which was none of those three by them so raised, is left to them, and Capt. Danvers's, which was one of the three, is taken away. We desire that these may be exchanged, so that the three troops to remain may be those of Capts. Hacker, Bodell, and [Wm.] Danvers. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and delivered to one of the petitioners. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 214. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 13. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Hampshire. We can give no further answer to yours of the 11th inst., but that, as we did not draw out Col. Norton's forces without great necessity, so upon the retreat of the enemy we have ordered that the Col. with three of those troops shall return to you, and doubt not but he is with you before the receipt of these. Signed as above, and sent by their own messenger. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 216. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 14. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to put a sufficient garrison in Greenland House, with provisions proportionable. 2. To write to the Committee of Herts. to stay their forces, or at least one regiment, with Major-Genl. Browne for a few days, and care shall be taken for their pay. 3. To write to the officers of the Herts. regiments, desiring their continuance [there] for a few days longer. 4. To write to Sir W. Waller for Col. Norton's return into Hants. 5. To write to Capt. Baxter to continue in the present service at Basing [House]. 6. To inform the Committee of Hants. that this Committee has written to Sir W. Waller for the return of Col. Norton to them, as also for the stay of Capt. Baxter. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 126.]

July 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the officers of the Hertfordshire regiment with Major-General Browne. This Committee being advertised that the enemy is drawing his forces together into a considerable body near Banbury, find it necessary, the better to oppose the enemy's design, to keep and gather together such forces under Major-General Browne as already are with him, and may yet be sent to him. You are therefore desired to continue some days longer with the Major. To which effect we have also written to the Committee of Hertford, not doubting but they and you considering this great exigency will conform yourselves accordingly. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Butler at night [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 214. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 14. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. This Committee being advertised that the enemy is drawing together his forces into a considerable

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body at Newbury, whereby he may endanger the public very much. The Committee has thought necessary to draw also some more forces, especially more horse, together under Major-General Browne, both to secure the parts where he is and the parts hereabouts. We therefore earnestly desire you to despatch immediately Col. Norton with his horse, according to former directions, leaving it to your care for the common safety to observe, advertise, and prevent the enemy's designs and motions. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Jennings. [*Ibid., p.* 215. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 14. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We have received yours of the 13th present, and have written to the Committee of Herts. to continue their forces with you, for some time longer, at least one regiment, as also to the officers of those forces to the same effect. We desire you to put such a strength into Greenland House as may secure the same, and to furnish it with provisions. We leave it to your decision, being on the spot, either to remain in the vicinity of Greenland House or to assist the forces before Basing [House] as you shall see occasion. According as you shall hear of the enemy's strength and motions let us hear from you. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Binding. [*Ibid., p.* 216. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 14. Derby House. The same to the Hertfordshire Committee. We are informed by Major-General Browne that the enemy is drawing into a body at Newbury, with a resolution to relieve Basing [House], and fall upon the General's quarters. It will be of very dangerous consequence, not only to these parts but also to your Association, if either the Major-General or those at Basing should receive any blow from the enemy, therefore we desire you will continue your forces now with the General for some few days longer, at least one regiment, according to the desire of your last letter to this Committee, and care shall be taken for their pay. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid., p.* 217. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 14. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Hampshire. We have written to Sir Wm. Waller upon several occasions formerly for return of Col. Norton with his horse to you, and upon receipt of yours of the 13th inst. we sent another express to the same effect, so that we doubt not but that Col. Norton will be speedily with you. Signed as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 14. Derby House. The same to Capt. Baxter. We understand from the Committee of Hampshire that you are now with their forces before Basing House, and that you may be very useful to them in the service they are now about. We therefore desire you to take care for supply of your absence from Hurst Castle, and to continue in the present service before Basing, so long as the Committee of that county shall find your service there to be necessary. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 218. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 15. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Mait-

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land, the two Vanes, Sir G. Gerard, reporter, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the debate concerning Sir W. Waller's army be re-assumed to-morrow morning. 2. That Lord Wharton, Mr. Solicitor, and Mr. Barclay do examine Capt. [John] Banister, referred hither from the House of Commons, and report to this Committee. 3. That the business of Holy Island be reported to the Committee of the Revenue to consider of the old establishment concerning that island, and by what means the same may be secured, and to report to this Committee. 4. That Major-General Browne be desired with all speed to fortify Reading, and periodically to report to this Committee and to the Committee of cos. Oxford, Berks., and Bucks. 5. That the business of the British regiments in Ulster be taken into consideration on Wednesday afternoon. 6. To write to the Lord General [Essex] and Lord Admiral [Warwick] in pursuance of the Commons' order of this day concerning Jersey and Guernsey. 7. That the substance of a petition from Nottingham be reported to the House of Commons with the opinion of this Committee; that it is necessary Mr. Millington do go down to Nottingham, and that he be also added as a member to all those Committees there, and that he be also added as a member to the Committee of both kingdoms at the leaguer before York. The like for Col. Francis Pierrepont. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 126, 127.]

July 15. Henley. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 14th inst., but notwithstanding am very confident the Herts.' men, both officers and soldiers, will not stay, most of them being gone already. Not having received any commands from you to the contrary, I thought fit, according to the desire of the country, to slight the works and fortifications of Greenland House. That being accomplished, I intend, unless you command to the contrary, to go to Reading to fortify there, where I may be nearer the forces before Basing House, and although not able to afford them much assistance, I shall endeavour it to the utmost of my power. I will, according to your commands, signify the enemy's strength and movements so often as I may hear thereof, being always ready to do you and the kingdom what further service can be performed. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 121, 122. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

July 15. Tiverton. The Lord General Essex to the same. Since the closing of my letters I have received the enclosed papers concerning their high and insolent carriage in Ireland, which I did not think fit to retain by me without acquainting you with them. I have also sent you the copy of Sir John Berkeley's answer to my letter. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 122. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 15. Tiverton. The same to the same. I take it as a great favour your imparting to me the news of the great victory obtained in the north, which is a great comfort to all honest men and a terror to the malignant. The enemy had the impudence to make triumphs in all

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their quarters, especially at Exeter, and give out that the triumph which I made here was only to deceive the country, whereupon I sent them the information which came from his Excellency the Earl of Leven and the other commanders-in-chief there, with this offer to Sir John Berkeley and the rest of the Council of War at Exeter, that if their news proved true of the routing of our forces on the 2nd present, I would pass my word of honour to deliver up Weymouth and Melcomb Regis into their hands, so that the Royalist commanders in the west would engage, if it proved true that Prince Rupert was routed on that day, they would deliver into my hands, for the Parliament's use, Exeter. This I sent yesterday, being our public day of thanksgiving, by a trumpeter, who is not yet returned. I did this, being unwilling to let that false report be spread in these parts, knowing that they have no other way to keep up the courage of their party. The 20,000*l.* is come safe to the army. If you care to provide for the continuous pay of the army I doubt not but to give a very good account both of our actions against the enemy and civility towards our friends, which otherwise, let the officers take what care they can, [cannot be performed, as] the soldiers cannot be kept from plundering. Necessity has compelled us to stay a longer time here than we intended, as well by reason of the extremity the soldiers were in for want of pay after their long and continual marches, the divided condition of my army for protection of the country, and the expectation of the coming down of the gentlemen to assure those counties by raising of forces while I was in other parts. For whilst I am marching further up into Devonshire, Sir Ralph Hopton would be at liberty to raise forces in Somerset and Dorset, but if any of the Somersetshire gentlemen would come down [here] I am confident that country would quickly show their affections to the Parliament. Whereas information was given [me] that upon the relief of Lyme Regis there would be 1,000 or 1,200 men to join with this army, the regiments of Cols. Popham and Weare were not above 200 in all. I find the counties generally willing, but their hinderance is want of arms. Upon the hanging of Captain Howard taken at Barnstaple, formerly employed under Capt. Pym (who had a troop in the west country), who being a lieutenant ran away with 20 horse at one time, they also hanged Capt. Turpin on Saturday last, [he was] a sea captain taken in seeking to relieve Exeter, and since condemned by Justice Heath by oyer and terminer, but had been kept a prisoner ever since, and at my being here they sent to exchange him for Sergeant-Major Willis, which exchange was so unreasonable that I refused it, not thinking they had been so bloody minded as to execute a man in cold blood who had been so long condemned. I am informed this was by Prince Maurice's command, but if I have time I will make them repent it. If you would take it into your care to have Col. Wemys speedily exchanged, it would be a great advantage to Sir W. Waller's army, otherwise his train of artillery may be in some disorder; besides, I am informed that when brought to the King he told him as yet he had not disposed of his place, which makes me believe that no art will be left untried to win him over to the

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enemy, and though I hope his own honour will preserve him, yet a man of his abilities is not to be lost. To end, where I began, with the victory in the north, it is not one of the least comforts that this blessing befell us where the forces of the two kingdoms were united together [in battle]. P.S.—The garrison at Wareham were very forward, and marched very far into the country both with horse and foot, but the Governor of Weymouth fell upon them after they had come to the turnpikes of Dorchester, killed and took about 160, and is now gone before Wareham, but I have advised him in seeking to take that place he should not neglect the care of Weymouth. [*Ibid., pp.* 123–125. *Copy.* 3 *p.*]

July 15. Buckingham. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. Two days before the receipt of yours of the 14th present I had dismissed Col. Norton and 5 troops with him to join, according to your orders, with Major-Genl. Browne. I presume before this you will understand by Sir Arthur Haselrigg in what condition I am, and upon what grounds I marched hither. This morning I have received full information that his Majesty, making a feint towards Woodstock (which occasioned my coming hither to interpose betwixt him and the Association), then turned westward, and by speedy marches has gained very near Bristol; upon which I resolve to march westward, but humbly desire I may speedily receive your orders. Sir Arthur Haselrigg will relate upon what grounds I make this suit. In expectation of your further commands I rest. [*Ibid., p.* 130. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 15. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. We have received yours of the 15th, by which we understand that you are slighting the works at Greenland House. We approve of your resolution to go to Reading, and desire you to proceed with the fortifications there, and put it into a tenable posture. As you periodically advertise us, so give advertisement to the Committee of the three counties of Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. of your proceedings therein. We desire you to make all the speed you can therein, because the Herts. regiments are to return. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Gardner at 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 218. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 15. 58. Account of 244 bags of Spanish or Segovia cloth wools received by 3 several vessels from Weymouth, and sold by the candle for the use of the Commonwealth, by order of Sir Walter Earle, Mr. John Trenchard, and Mr. Browne, members of the House of Commons, July 1644. [7 *pp.*]

July 16. Kingston. 59. Order of the Committee [for Surrey] for payment of 200*l.* to Mr. Rudd, for the use of Farnham Castle. [⅔ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

59. I. *Receipt by John Rudd for the above* 200*l., July* 16, 1644. [⅓ *p.*]

July 16. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, reporter, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay.

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Ordered, 1. That the Lord General's letter of 10 July, with the papers enclosed, be reported to both Houses. 2. That letters be written to the several Committees of the several Associations to quicken their putting in execution the late ordinance for raising new forces, and to desire them to advertise this Committee occasionally of their proceedings and in what forwardness they are. 3. That Sir W. Waller's letter of 15 July be reported to the House of [Commons], and that they be desired to speed the recruiting of his army. 4. That it be recommended to both Houses to write letters to the several counties for putting in execution the late ordinance for raising of new forces. 5. That it be moved in the House of Commons to take an account of those who were appointed to send down the ordinance to the several counties. And if it be not done, to put the same into a way that it may speedily be done. 6. That this Committee cannot for the present advise Sir W. Waller's going into the west in pursuit of the King's forces. 7. That Sir W. Waller shall be directed to continue in such parts as his army may be most conveniently recruited, the parts under the power of the Parliament best protected and assured, and the enemy most infested. 8. That both these former orders concerning Sir W. Waller's army be reported to both Houses, as that which this Committee after a long debate have thought fit to resolve, and to leave it to the House [of Commons] to do therein as they shall think fit. 9. That a letter be written to the Earl of Denbigh to send some propositions for raising of men and money in his Association; and for the present to employ his forces for the best advantage of the public; to let him know of the orders to Sir Thos. Middleton, and to desire the stay of the Warwickshire foot in garrison if his Lordship and the Committee be willing; also to give a commission to some officers. 10. To inform Sir Thos. Middleton that this Committee will no longer detain him from going into North Wales, and to desire him upon occasion to assist Wem and Oswestry. 11. To write to the Committee at Coventry to continue their forces in Salop if they be willing. 12. To inform the Committee at Wem of the directions given to Sir Thos. Middleton and the Committee at Coventry. 13. To inform the Lord General of the King's movements and of the state of Waller's army. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 127, 128.]

July 16. Henley. Major-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 15th. The country people are proceeding with the slighting of the fortifications about Greenland House. To-morrow, according to your commands, I shall advance to Reading, and make it as tenable as may be. There I shall be nearer to Basing, but in no capacity to assist the [besiegers] as I much desire, unless you enable me. I still fear that very few of the Herts. men, if any, will stay till Reading be made defensible. I shall not fail to advertise you, as also the Committee of the three cos., of all material occurrences. P.S.—I am informed that Hopton quartered last night at Almondsbury, and, when joined by other forces, intends visiting Basing or Reading; I would we

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were more able to resist him. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 126. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

July 16. Gloucester. Col. Edw. Massie to the same. I have received yours of the 2nd inst., touching the cloth taken into the garrison at Winchester, and will use my endeavours therein, but the Lord Hopton's forces have long lain most upon that passage, and his Majesty's army ever since upon our frontiers and neighbourhood, so that all our power has been hitherto employed for securing of our garrisons and country from the power of the enemy. For advertisement of the enemy's further progress I would refer you to my letters written to the Parliament. [*Ibid., p.* 127. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We think fit to send you what information we can get of the movements of the King's forces. We understand he is marching towards Bristol, but whether he intends [going] any further towards the west we yet know not. The forces that are with Sir Wm. Waller, and which he can rely upon, are not above 2,500 horse and 1,500 foot. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Craven at 10 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E, p.* 219. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to his Excellence [Essex]. The House of Commons, taking into consideration the importance of having the islands of Guernsey and Jersey under the obedience of the Parliament, have referred it to this Committee to write to you and the Lord Admiral [Warwick] to take some speedy course for the relief of the one and the recovery of the other. A copy of the order we here send enclosed, and leave it to your care. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 16. The like to the Lord Admiral [Warwick], *mutatis mutandis.* Enclosing to him the original order from the House. Sent by Mr. Coytmore. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to Basil Earl of Denbigh. We are very sensible of the great services you have done, and the more because we know you cannot but find many difficulties in commanding forces of several dependencies. Here is want of money for the armies already settled, and therefore little likelihood of supply from hence. We desire you, who best know the state of your own Association, to send some propositions which you think will be most effectual for raising men and money by the Committees of your Association, and in the meantime to use your best endeavours to keep your forces together and employ them where they may be of most advantage to the public. Give commission to the two officers lately sent from London to the Committee of Salop, and to such others as you conceive will further this service. Sir Thos. Middleton has earnestly pressed that he may prosecute the service of North Wales according to the ordinance of Parliament, from which we cannot in reason longer detain him, and therefore have written to him to go on accordingly, but withal to give the best assistance he can to Col.

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Mitton and the forces in Shropshire. We hear you left some Warwickshire foot in the Salop garrisons, which we desire may be retained there if you and the Committee of co. Warwick consent. In the west the people show themselves willing to come into the obedience and service of the Parliament. Barnstaple is in the Parliament's hands, and Taunton Castle is taken by our forces, being very well provided of all things. The King has marched towards Bristol, and Sir Wm. Waller is about Buckingham. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Crowne's care at 7 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 220, 221. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to Sir Thos. Middleton. We thank you for your readiness in prosecuting the directions sent from us, and for your good service therein performed. We will no longer detain you from North Wales, but desire you to go on there according to the ordinance of Parliament; and that you will upon all opportunities be ready to aid and join with the Parliament's forces in Oswestry and Wem. "In the west," &c., as in the former letter to Lord Denbigh. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 221. *Copy.* ⅛ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Coventry, We hear you are willing that some of your forces now in Salop shall stay there, and if it be so we conceive that they may do good service and desire you to send them directions accordingly, but without your consent we shall not order their stay. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 221. *Copy.* ⅛ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Wem. Your desires have been imparted to us by Mr. Pierrepont, and we have written to Sir Thos. Middleton to prosecute the service appointed to him in North Wales, but withal to give you the best assistance he can upon all opportunities. We have written to the Earl of Denbigh to grant commissions to the officers lately sent to you from London, and to such others as may further this service; also to the Committee at Coventry for their forces with you to stay there if they be willing to do so. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid, p.* 222. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 16. Derby House. The same to the several counties undernamed. The Houses of Parliament, having taken into consideration the necessity of raising a further force for the present pursuance of such opportunities as are offered for the finishing of this war, have passed an ordinance for a proportion of horse and foot upon several counties and places therein expressed, which we believe before this time you have received. In respect the season passes away, and expedition is as much as the work, we desire you to use your utmost diligence to have your proportion ready by the day prefixed, and in the meantime to advertise us how you proceed therein. Signed as above [in margin]. Copy sent to Cambridge by Mr. Butler on the 18th July; to Bedford, county of Northampton, Coventry, and Gloucester by John Priestley, 18 July. [*Ibid., pp.* 222, 223. *Copy* = ⅜ *p.*]

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July 17. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir H. Vane, junr., reporter, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the propositions delivered to this Committee by the Commissioners from Ireland be taken into consideration on Saturday at 3 p.m. 2. That the business of the Merchants Adventurers and Eastland Merchants be taken into consideration on Tuesday morning. 3. That Mr. Greene of the Committee of the Navy be desired to be here on Saturday afternoon. 4. *Mem.* That the Lord Say be desired to write to Sir Samuel Luke to signify the pleasure of this Committee, that Capt. Purbeck Temple be major of the regiment of horse that is to be raised for cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. 5. That the business of Capt. Banister be reported to the House of Commons, with all the papers concerning the same, with the opinion of this Committee that he be set at liberty. 6. To write to Sir W. Waller to enclose the votes of the Committee and of the House of Commons, to acquaint him with Col. Sydenham's success, and the condition of Dorsetshire, and to desire him to send a strong party of horse and dragoons to secure those parts and prevent the recruiting of the enemy. 7. That a letter be written to Lord Grey to acquaint him with this resolution. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 128.]

July 17. Torbay. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committee of both kingdoms. By my last I advertised you that I had sent my Vice-Admiral to Falmouth to attend the Queen's coming out from thence, the issue whereof will be represented to you in my Vice-Admiral's own relation, a copy whereof I enclose. By this narration it will appear that on Sunday last the Queen with the assistance of ten ships and vessels made her escape. I am sorry I cannot give another account of this service. But if the numbers of ships in these parts be considered, and the manner of dispersing them, I suppose it will be easily admitted that I have done my duty, having here at that time only eight ships, whereof the "Reformation," "Paramour," and "Warwick," being three of our best sailers, were sent to Falmouth; the "Dreadnaught" and "Mary Rose," being but heavy ships, were employed to look after Dartmouth, and not without some fruit, they seizing on two French vessels thence bound on Saturday and Sunday last; the "Providence," sent to attend Salcombe, where were some frigates of the enemy's ready to act mischief if not prevented; the "Hind," and with her a small vessel the "Nichodemus," plying at Topsham; and my own ship, left alone in Torbay, the better to assist these several services and the army as occasion should require. So that if the want of shipping has disappointed that service at Falmouth, or disabled me to act some of the things hereabouts, which might have been of very great import, I may with some sad thoughts call to mind the staying of the "St. Andrew," "Mary," "Unicorn," and "Convertive," after I had set forth the number of guards that required attendance, and thereupon given my humble advice, that

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without the addition of those four ships the said several guards could not be secured. I humbly desire your Lordships that these particulars may be communicated to both Houses of Parliament. I suppose that with the vessels now escaped some design will be undertaken for relieving Guernsey Castle, which I will do my best to prevent, though I fear the want of ammunition often desired for the Parliament's forces there will, in case of any such attempt, prove very prejudicial. My Vice-Admiral brought in this day the "Golden Sun," belonging to the King of Denmark, lately returned from the East Indies, laden with pepper and sugar. In a friendly way I sent her into Portsmouth under convoy of the "Dreadnaught," to which her commander willingly assented, she being very leaky and foul. I took this resolution in pursuance of your former directions, so that if you shall think fit to repair the losses and miseries received from the King of Denmark by our English merchants, this opportunity might not be omitted. I beseech you to signify to me and the Committee of Portsmouth your pleasure in this behalf. I desire to join in your thanksgiving for the great successes of our northern forces. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 127–129. *Copy.* 2⅓ *pp.*]

July 17. Bissiter [Bicester.] Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I long extremely to receive some instructions from you that may give me direction what course to steer. I have no particular interests, and if I may advance the public service, I have the end of my ambition. I am now marching to Woodstock and from thence to Abingdon, where I shall attend further orders. This morning there came two gentlemen to me, the one Lord Blayney's son (from whom I received the enclosed papers, of which he himself will give you the best account), the other Lieut.-Col Gee, both came from Oxford, and express a desire to enter the Parliament's service, but desire to go first for London. To this I have assented, so that it be in the company of Col. Purefoy. I am like to be left naked [of troops] if not speedily supplied; the Northampton, Coventry, and Warwick forces being in the main part recalled to do service in their own counties. I have only enough left with me to give demonstration, that if I cannot live I will by God's grace die. [*Ibid., pp.* 130, 131. *Copy.* 1⅓ *p.*]

July 17. Cork. Lords Inchiquin and Broghill, Sir Percy Smith, Col. George Searle, Lieut.-Col. Agmondesham Muschamp, and Wm. Brockett to the same. We pray you to employ that power you have so justly merited with the Parliament for the speedy relief of the poor Protestants of the province of Munster, whose wrongs are as great as their ruin is unavoidably certain if through your pious care we receive not speedily those supplies which we beg from the Houses. We have sent enclosed a declaration of our actions and intentions, with our desires, which we pray you to present to the Parliament. We are not without hopes that when the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland shall be acquainted with the justice and necessity of our actions, he will adhere to and engage himself in this cause, which is so visibly the Almighty's, and which we recommend to your most special care. [*Ibid., p.* 142. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

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July 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lord General [Essex]. Although the army of Sir Wm. Waller be not in very great strength as we signified to you yesterday, yet we have appointed that he send a great party toward Dorchester, for better securing those parts, to infest the enemy, hinder his recruits, and secure the parts about Basing [House]. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Bulmer, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 223. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. Understanding by Sir Arthur Haselrigg and your letter the state of your army and other things wherewith he was entrusted, after long and serious debate we resolved upon the two votes enclosed, which were reported to-day to the House of Commons, who thereupon passed the resolution herewith sent. Col. Sydenham has written to the Commons signifying his success against the forces of Wareham, that he had taken many prisoners, and hoped to have distressed that garrison had he not been prevented by a body of 800 horse of Sir Ralph Hopton's. Dorsetshire and the parts adjoining which have been lately gained, and are raising forces for the Parliament, are like to be in a worse condition than formerly if they have not speedy aid. We therefore desire you forthwith to send a strong party of horse and dragoons under such commander-in-chief as you shall think fit, to secure those parts, to hinder the recruiting and levies of the enemy, and to take all opportunity to distress them. This party, quartering thereabouts, will have an influence upon the whole west, which is of great importance to keep the enemy from infesting our forces before Basing House, and will not be so far distant but that, upon emergent occasion, they may return to your army. We have named Dorchester, but leave you at liberty to appoint any other place you may think to be of more advantage for the ends before expressed. You shall speedily hear further from us, and we shall use our best endeavours for your recruits and supplies. Signed as above, and sent by Durand at 9 p.m. *Underwritten,*

A duplicate of this [*was sent*] *to him* [*Waller*] *on the* 20*th by Gardner, at* 9 *p.m.* [*Ibid., pp.* 224, 225. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

July 18. This being the Day of Thanksgiving the Committee of both kingdoms did not sit. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 129.]

July 18. Tiverton. The Lord General [Essex] to the Committee of both kingdoms. Lord Robartes returned from Barnstaple yesternight, and we were resolved to have marched this day towards Prince Maurice, and so westward, but upon notice of the King's arrival at Bath a Council of War was called to debate whether we should continue in our former resolutions or turn back and march towards the King. We have taken resolution to continue our former purposes, having had several messages from Plymouth of the great distress they are likely to be in, if not suddenly relieved (being in great want of money to pay their soldiers and forage for their horses, which are prevented by the enemy from going abroad), and hoping that Sir Wm. Waller with his army and additional forces will take care of

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the King's army. If I returned all these parts would have turned against us. Now these armies are all in these parts little contribution can be expected, therefore I hope you will take care for the present pay of the army, that it may be able to subsist, otherwise we shall be brought into present extremities. I hope there will be nothing left undone by us that may give real testimony of our true hearts and readiness to adventure our lives in the service of the Parliament. Enclosed I send a letter received from the Earl of Forth, with a paper and my answer to it. P.S.—By my going westward the passage will be straitened for expresses, whereby I shall not be able to send to you so often as I would. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 134, 135. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

July 18. York. The Earls of Leven, Lindsay, and Manchester, Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, and Robert Goodwin to the same. By our last [letter sent] with Col. Russell and Capt. Stewart [*see* July 5], we acquainted you with the great victory it pleased God to bless our endeavours with against Prince Rupert and the Marquis of Newcastle's armies. This is to acquaint you that the city of York is now reduced to the obedience of the King and Parliament, and was upon the 16th inst. surrendered to us by treaty; a copy of the conditions you shall herewith receive, unto which we were moved to condescend, not out of any diffidence of our own power through God's assistance by storm to have gained it, but out of our earnest care to preserve a city so considerable, and to avoid the effusion of Christian blood, foreseeing that the effects of a forcible assault could be no other than the destruction of the city of York and the ruin of the innocent with the guilty in it. The Marquis of Newcastle's army being now reduced to nothing and Prince Rupert's forces being much weakened, we conceive this county [of York] to be in such a condition as being well managed and provided for, the affairs of the kingdom may receive a great advantage thereby. This makes us seriously desire, and puts us in good hope, that as we have resolved to decline no hazard or difficulties which we may meet with in pursuance of our solemn covenant which we have made with God and among ourselves, so the honourable Houses of Parliament will take the building of the House of God and settlement of church government into their chiefest thoughts, and against all the obstructions cast in the way, bestow their greatest care and industry thereupon until it shall please God to perfect that work, so much desired by all good men. This will not fail to draw a blessing from Heaven upon all their and our endeavours, and prove a great encouragement to us cheerfully to hazard our lives and all that is dearest unto us in this war, which we have undertaken for that end, and the procuring of a settled peace unto the kingdoms, for which no success whatsoever shall in the least measure alter our earnest and unchangeable desires, but shall rather confirm them in us in the prosecution of this work. And as the Parliament has, on all occasions been ready to testify their willingness to use their utmost endeavours for the same, so we are confident they will at this time take occasion to renew them; whereby they

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will clearly evidence to the world that no fear or success, but love of truth and peace, has actuated all their designs and purposes, and that these only are the measure of their and our wishes. But it is no ways our intention, by recommending thoughts of peace unto them, that they should in the least measure lessen but rather quicken their endeavours in carrying on of the war, which we conceive a very effectual means for peace, and are resolved to dispose of ourselves and forces accordingly. The full representation of our opinions anent the particulars aforesaid we have thought fitting to remit to the sufficiency of these gentlemen, Sir Adam Hepburn and Mr. [Thos.] Hatcher, whom of purpose we have sent to you, and unto whom we desire you to give credence in all such things as they shall propound or desire on our behalf. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 143–145. *Copy*=2 *pp.*]

July 19. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haslerigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Crew, reporter, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Lord Grey, noticing the difference [between the officers] at Burley [House, co. Rutland], and desiring that, for the present, the house, stables, and all other works and strengths of Burley, and all the forces there in garrison, horse, foot, and dragoons, be put under the command of Major Layfield; also to enclose in that letter the order of reference of that business from the House [of Commons] to this Committee. That the Committee of Rutlandshire and Major Layfield be made acquainted herewith, and to send them a copy of the letter to Lord Grey. 2. That the Oath of Secrecy be taken into consideration on Monday next, and in the meantime to review the orders concerning it, and to offer what further they think fit concerning it. That the Earl of Northumberland, Sir G. Gerard, and Mr. Solicitor do administer the oath, and that all the members of the Committee in town have warning to be present. 3. To write to the Committee of Essex at Chelmsford, thanking them for their cheerful readiness to serve the public; to let them know that this Committee will appoint a rendezvous shortly, and will also take into consideration the other particulars of their letter. 4. To write to Col. Stapeley, to give assistance to the forces before Basing [House]. 5. To write to the Committee of Hants., informing them of Waller's movements, and that this Committee has written to Col. Stapeley. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 129.]

July 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Stapeley. We are informed by the Committee of Hants. of your readiness to send some supply for assistance of the forces before Basing [House], and that you only wait for the approval of this Committee. If you would send such forces as you could spare we should esteem it a good service to the public. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by the Hants. messenger, 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 225. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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July 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Hants. We received yours of the 18th, giving notice of the King's march, and desiring to hear of the movements of Sir Wm. Waller. Upon the 17th he was at Woodstock, and intended to be at Abingdon yesterday. We also received yours of the 17th, and have written to Col. Stapeley to send to you such forces as he can spare. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 19. Derby House. The same to Lord Thos. Grey. We have received intelligence by express from Burleigh [Burley House, co. Rutland], that there is like to grow some difference that may be of dangerous consequence if not speedily prevented, touching the import of an order of the House of Commons taken in one sense by your Lordship and otherwise understood by the Committee and Major Layfield, the consideration whereof is referred to this Committee, as you will see by the order enclosed. We have thought fit and desire that the house, stable, and all other works or strengths of Burley, and all the forces, both horse, foot, and dragoons in that garrison, be for the present put under the command of Major Layfield, and that they all give obedience to him. We desire to be certified speedily of the performance thereof. Signed as above, and sent by him that came about the difference. [*Ibid., p.* 226. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Rutlandshire and Major Layfield. We have understood the difference at Burley House, and have written to Lord Grey concerning it; a copy you have enclosed, wherein we have desired Lord Grey that the house, stable, and all the works and strengths of Burley, and all the forces of that garrison, horse, foot, and dragoons, be for the present put under the command of Major Layfield, whom we require hereby to take into his charge both garrison and forces. Take care to avoid all quarrels and mutinies that may endanger yourselves and the garrison. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 226, 227. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

July 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. We have received both yours of the 18th, speaking the same cheerful language of your ready affection to serve the public. You may rest assured that your merit shall not increase your burthen. We shall be unwilling to overcharge you, but shall require that the proportion which the House [of Commons] has assigned for each place shall be speedily and effectually performed. You may proceed with all speed in your work, and you shall have a rendezvous appointed when we hear from you that a considerable part of these forces are raised. The Committee will consider the other particulars mentioned in your letter, and do therein what shall be convenient. Signed as above, and sent by their own messenger at 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 227. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 19. Derby House. The same to the three Generals [Fairfax, Manchester, and Leven]. Since our last the King with his whole army has marched far westward. Sir W. Waller's forces are so much lessened by pursuit of the King's and other accidents that he is not in a con-

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dition for the present to be active against the enemy. In which respect we are very sensible of the great danger that may befall those parts if the remainder of Prince Rupert's forces should march this way without a close pursuit. We have thought it necessary to acquaint your Lordships herewith, and leave it to your consideration, who are upon the spot, to do what you shall judge fit. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Hutchins. [*Ibid., p.* 228. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 19. Ordinance [of Parliament] for directing the proceedings of the Committee of both House appointed to join with the Committees and Commissioners of Scotland. The Committee of both Houses being ordained to observed the orders of Parliament, they, or any two of them, are to treat with the Scottish Commissioners on the orders from both Houses, and report on the same, and they shall, as a joint Committee, order the carrying on of the war, and correspond with foreign States, &c., but they shall not consult concerning any cessation of arms or making peace without authority of Parliament, and for the greater secrecy they shall take an oath not to reveal anything resolved on in committee without leave of the major part. This ordinance to continue four months, till both Houses take order to the contrary. [*Interregnum, vol.* 6 *E., pp.* 3–5. *Copy* =2½ *pp.*]

July 19. 60. Order of the House of Commons. Referring the complaints against divers of the Committee for the Militia for Herts. to the examination of the Committee for regulating the Lord General's army. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii.*, 565. ¾ *p.*]

July 20. 61. Orders of [the Committee for regulating the Lord General's army]. 1. That on Monday July 22 the petition of the Committee for Hertfordshire shall be examined. 2. That the information concerning Auditor Wilcox and Auditor Broad shall be further examined Monday, July 22. [¼ *p.*]

July 20. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lord Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, reporter, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord General's two letters of the 15th inst. from Tiverton with the Irish letters and papers enclosed be reported to both Houses by the Earl of Northumberland and Mr. Solicitor respectively. 2. That Sir John Norwich's desires concerning the isles of Jersey and Guernsey be taken with consideration on Tuesday morning. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 129.]

July 20. Abingdon. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have long expected your orders to direct me what service I shall apply myself unto, but have hitherto received none. These lines are to let you know that from Buckingham I marched to Bicester, and next day, leaving the foot to recover their fatigue, I marched with the horse and some dragoons to Boarstall House and summoned

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it. But they, seeing neither foot nor artillery, refused to yield. I abstained from attacking it, because I could not without much loss carry it by storm, having no ordnance, and was uncertain how soon I might be directed some other way by your commands. The next day I marched to Woodstock, where the enemy the day before had put in some musketeers, under the command of Capt. Foster, an officer of the Earl of Lindsey's. Some troops of our horse drawing up about the house to lay the passages, till the foot came up, one of our horsemen rode up to the gate and called to speak with the Captain, who very [un]wisely came out upon the soldier's bare word, and he very fairly, when the Captain would have returned, disarmed him, and took him prisoner. Those within, so soon as I came, upon assurance of quarter from me, yielded themselves prisoners. I am now come to Abingdon, in expectation of your commands, which I desire to receive speedily, so that I may not lie here doing nothing, to the prejudice of your service and my own disreputation. I find Oxford much stronger fortified than it was when I was here last; the new works being finished, and the whole north side pallisadoed, so that contrary to my expectation there was no way left to take it, but by approach or blocking up, either at a near distance entrenching about it, or in a more remote way by taking in the garrisons about it. The place is not difficult to be taken any of these ways. I have planted myself here as in the best situation to receive such additional forces as you shall think fit to send me, without which supply it will be impossible for me to attempt any considerable thing. This morning the Coventry and Warwick forces desired to be dismissed, but I persuaded them to stay for a few days, in hope of some aid from you. The Londoners will not stir one foot further, except it be towards home. Sir Arthur Haselrigg I am confident has long before this given you a perfect description of my remaining strength. P.S.—The Lord General [Essex] has sent to recall three of those troops he had assigned me in lieu of Harvey's regiment. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 131, 132. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

July 21. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Browne and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That two duplicates of the last letter written to Waller be despatched, one this night and the other to-morrow morning. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 130.]

July 21. Abingdon. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I only received yours of the 17th this morning. I will apply myself with all diligence to advance the service in these parts, but without some further additional force I know not what I shall be able to attempt. I have written to Major-Genl. Browne to conjoin his brigade with me, if he have no instructions to the contrary and be not otherwise engaged. If there be any intention to block up Oxford it must be done before harvest and speedily; I am of opinion it may be effected

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without much difficulty, if I may have a considerable force assigned me. They [the garrison] are full of divisions and fears, and there might be good done if the opportunity be taken. Concerning the sending of a party into Dorsetshire, I shall be ready to obey your commands, but truly unless I be immediately supplied I shall be ruined here, for those few horse and foot which I have from Warwick and Coventry are revoked and the Londoners will not stay, and if these go I shall not have enough to make good my quarter. If I had a good body of foot here I might safely send a strong party into those countries and distress these held by the enemy, till then I conceive it cannot safely be done. I thought it my duty to represent this, with submission to what you shall be pleased to order, which shall be punctually performed. P.S.—I wrote yesterday concerning my condition here, and his Majesty's bending towards my Lord General [Essex] from Bath. I have taken diverse prisoners here at several times, amongst others the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, Sir Robt. Jenkinson, whom I intend to send up with the first opportunity. If Major-Genl. Browne might be ordered to take up his quarter here I could leave my train [of artillery] with him, and with the train horse mount the remainder of my foot and clear Dorsetshire, and all those parts, and possibly do some further service according to the emergent occasions. I humbly desire a speedy answer. I am of opinion the City regiments with Sir James Harrington might be persuaded to stay with Browne for a while here. Since the writing of this I received a letter from the Governor of Stafford signifying that York is certainly taken upon composition, the enemy marching out with their horse and arms only without ammunition. The same hand sent me this enclosed, which came to me by the way of Nantwich, whereby you may perceive which way Prince Rupert bends. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 132–134. *Copy* = 1½ *p.*]

July 21. Reading. Lieut.-Genl. Richard Browne to the same. I came to Reading on Wednesday last, as you commanded me, with the three regiments of Auxiliaries, the Windsor men and two regiments of Herts., Col. Michell's regiment being gone home without order or leave from him. I found the town so full of inlets and avenues that it is thought almost impossible to make it tenable, unless it be fortified round as formerly, and 'twill then require so many men to maintain the works that the Committee of Berks. (who sit here to put the several ordinances of Parliament in execution) doubt they cannot provide money enough to maintain it. In the meantime we endeavour to stop the main passages, and intend to fortify the Abbey and to make two forts which may be maintained with 1,000 or 1,500 men to secure ourselves, but are much afraid the enemy will not thereby be kept out of the town, though they be not able to stay in it; however, it will be little security to the inhabitants from being plundered. I shall still advise with the Committee in all my proceedings and do what shall be most for the security of the place, and of the cos. I am intrusted withal, but chiefly attend and observe all your commands. This day I received a letter from Sir W.

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Waller, dated at Abingdon, wherein he desires me forthwith to draw my forces that way, the better to accomplish something, which he does not name, while there is an opportunity. I forthwith advised with the Committee here, who were of opinion that such course would be very unfit and unsafe as we should leave them and the town exposed, besides I am confident the Herts.' men will not march, it being very difficult to keep them here while lying still. I replied accordingly to Waller, but offered if his design were for Wallingford to assist him with what I might, and the rather because it lies near Reading, which I shall take order to secure though I draw forth to his assistance. Otherwise I propounded, if he pleased, to keep in Wallingford forces, which he may easily and safely do, by quartering some of his forces in the town; I should then draw forth to Donnington Castle, the only place that hinders the western trading. Thus much I thought it my duty to represent to you, being willing to do anything that may be for the good of the public, but shall do nothing without your knowledge and commands. P.S.—I have written to the Committee of the three counties to the same effect. [*Ibid, pp.* 135, 136. *Copy*=1½ *p.*]

July 22. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir G. Gerard, Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Capt. Batten's relation concerning the Queen's [Henrietta Maria] going into France be reported to the House [of Commons]. 2. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to discharge the Herts'. forces. 3. To inform the Herts. regiments that they are discharged. 4. That Sir Walter Erle do certify this Committee if he can furnish the provisions desired by the Committee of Warwick. 5. That Mr. Frost do go to the Lord Mayor [Sir John Woollaston] and Aldermen with the Gunsmiths' petition desiring that its petitions may be granted, in respect of the necessity of their employment. 6. That the paper given in by the Scottish Commissioners be reported to the Houses [of Parliament.] Afternoon.—Ordered, 7. To write to Major Jephson to send 20 barrels of gunpowder with match and bullet, and inform him that a greater proportion was coming to Portsmouth. 8. To inform Col. Sydenham that a supply of powder was coming to him. 8. That the facts concerning the ship "Tygre" [the Tiger of Rotterdam] be reported to the House of Commons] on Wednesday morning. 10. That the Committee of the Militia be desired to use their influence for the retention of Sir James Harrington's regiment with Sir W. Waller. 11. To write to Col. Stapeley for 400 men of the Chichester garrison to make up their new forces, whose places will be supplied by the new levies. 12. To inform Sir W. Waller that according to his desire this Committee has ordered Major-Genl. Browne to march to Abingdon, and to desire him to send as strong a party into Dorset as he can [consistent with] the security of Abingdon. 13. To write to Major-General Browne to march to Abingdon. 14. To write to the Committees of Coventry and Warwick that their forces [are to] stay

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with Sir W. Waller till the forces appointed come up to them, if they be gone that then they do return to him. 15. To write to the Committee at Northampton to send their proportion of horse, which they are to raise for the new forces upon the ordinance of 12 July to Sir W. Waller, without waiting for their foot to be ready. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 130, 131.]

July 22. Ferry Bridge. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. The great necessities that the Scotch army and mine were in hath caused us to divide our armies, and to march into fresh quarters. I am upon my march, and hope to be at Doncaster to-morrow night, where I intend to stay till I shall receive your commands. My men through want of clothes and other necessaries fall sick daily. I hope the Lord will preserve us from any pestilential disease, yet the Scotch army and mine is very much weakened through sickness. I think fit to give you an account where our quarters are. The Scots are quartered at Leeds and Wakefield, while I am quartered at Doncaster, and so forward towards Newark. We have left Lord Fairfax with his forces in York, and he has now only some few castles that make opposition to him. [*Printed in Soc. Cambden., New Series, XII., p.* 1. *Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 145. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. We have been often solicited by the Committee of Herts. for the return of their regiments, and last week gave them assurance that they should return by the 25th present. Considering the necessity of their attendance upon their harvest and their cheerful readiness at all times to serve the public, we have thought fit to discharge them that they may upon Thursday next march home into their own country. We desire you to take notice hereof and dismiss them accordingly. Sent by the officer. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 228. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to the Commanders of the Herts. regiment at Reading. We have considered your petition, and are sensible of the necessity of your attending the harvest occasions, of your readiness to obey our directions, and of your good service to the public, for which we return you thanks. According to your desire and our former engagements, we do discharge your regiment now in the vicinity of Reading and Henley in Bucks., and license them to march on Thursday next into their own country, to which purpose we have written to Major-General Browne to dismiss them. Your occasions being finished, we doubt not you will display the same good affection to the public service should there be cause. Sent by some of their officers. [*Ibid., p.* 229. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to Col. [Wm.] Jephson [M.P. and Lieutenant Governor of Portsmouth]. By Col. Sydenham's letter of the 20th, we have intimation of the King's march towards him, and of his own want of gunpowder. We desire you to despatch at once to him [at Weymouth] 20 barrels of powder from Portsmouth, with one tun of match and bullets proportionable, there being already warrant for a

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supply to be sent to you according to your desire. You know the consequence of that place, and that it cannot be defended without these things. Signed by Lords Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Trenchard. [*Ibid., pp.* 229, 230. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to Col. Sydenham. We received yours of the 20th, and have accordingly given orders to Col. Jephson to supply you with powder, match, and bullet. We will take care to send what forces we can that way. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to Col. Jephson. We have received yours of the 21st, with its two enclosures. We approve of your proceedings mentioned therein, and leave the management thereof to your prudence, but be cautious not to endanger yourself by any surprise. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We have sent Sir Arthur Haselrigg to inform you of the condition of the west, and how the forces with Sir W. Waller and yours may be best employed as the present state of affairs now is for the advantage of the public. We desire you forthwith to march with all your forces to Abingdon, where Sir W. Waller will join with such a strength as may secure your quarter and these parts until further supplies shall come up according to the late ordinance, to be there further employed on such other designs as shall be most fit. Signed as above, and sent by Sir A. Haselrigg. [*Ibid, p.* 231. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 22. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have appointed Major-General Browne with his forces to come to Abingdon, as you desired in your last. We have written to the forces of cos. Warwick and Northampton to stay with you, or, if they be gone, then speedily to return to Abingdon. We have also sent to the City requesting that the forces under Sir James Harrington may stay there. Sir Arthur Haselrigg will inform you of the state of the west. We desire you that a strong party of horse and dragoons may speedily march thither as formerly directed, Major Browne having instructions to come up to Abingdon. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 22. 62. Order of the Committee of the Lords and Commons for the Safety of the kingdom. Whereas the weekly assessments in several counties were appointed by ordinances of Parliament for payment of the army under the Earl of Essex, and ought long since to have been collected and paid to Sir Gilbert Gerard, Treasurer-at-Wars, but through the negligence of the Committees, head collectors, and others, there is in arrear about 30,000*l.*; these are to authorize Thomas Walker and Jeremiah Whitworth, or either of them, forthwith to repair into Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, Middlesex, and Herts., and call before them the head and sub-collectors appointed by the ordinances aforesaid, and to take an account of what they have collected and paid, and to whom, what remains in their hands, and what is in arrear in their several divisions, and to cause it to be forthwith collected and paid to Sir Gilbert Gerard, at the Guildhall, London; and whoever they shall

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find to have neglected their duty in collecting or otherwise, or shall neglect their duty in time to come, to take them into custody and send them to the Committees in the several counties aforesaid, or before the Committee of Lords and Commons at Haberdashers' Hall, London, for advance of money and other necessaries for the army, to be proceeded against as the ordinances direct. And the Committees in the counties, upon the complaint of Walker or Whitworth, are hereby required to proceed accordingly, and all justices of peace, constables, captains, trained bands, &c., are required to assist. [*Broadside.*]

July 22. 63. List of books [purchased for Lord Conway]. *Underwritten,*

63. 1. *I do grant the receipt of the books above written, and promise either to pay the prices of the same in money if so it shall please the Committee at Cambden House, or otherwise to deliver again the said books. George Gillespie, Worcester House. July* 22, 1644. [¾ *p.*]

July 22. Okehampton. 64. Examination of Abraham Webb, apothecary to his Excellency [the Earl of Essex] and the whole army. Concerning the sale of Segorra [Segovia] wool and other articles at Weymouth, about 20th June, by Colonel Harvey, Dr. Dorislaus, Major Mainwaring, and others; and the dispute between them and Captain Potter and Mr. Herbert, Commissioners of Parliament, concerning the said sale. Certified by Martin Pyndar and Har. Leighton, the Commissioners attending the army, as taken at Okehampton the day and year above written. [1½ *p.*]

July 23. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Lieut.-Col. Loftus be recommended to the House [of Commons] as one whom the Committee conceives fit to be employed upon information which they have received. 2. That these instructions following be delivered to Mr. Millington:—(1.) Upon your repair to Nottingham you shall give the Committees both of the town and castle, and the honest inhabitants of the said garrison, thanks for their undaunted courage and unwearied diligence in the maintenance of the same. (2.) You shall endeavour to compose all differences between the garrisons of the castle and town, and, if any be, between members of the said Committees. (3.) If the breaches be so great that they cannot be repaired by you, then you are occasionally to certify us of those discontents and their authors to the end some fitting course may be taken therein. 3. That the Lord General [Essex's] letter of the 18th inst., from Tiverton, and the enclosed papers, touching propositions for peace, be reported to the House. 4. That a warrant be signed for 60 grenades of 11 inches diameter to be delivered to Wm. Roberts, for the use of Major-Genl. Browne. 5. That Mr. Browne do report the petitions of the Eastland merchants and Merchant Adventurers to the House [of Commons]. 6. Likewise the Lord General's letter, and that, during our debates for the service of the west, the Earls of Pembroke, Salisbury, Stamford,

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and divers others of the Committee for the West, came to us and laid before us the whole case of the west. 7. Upon consultation with Col. [James] Holborne and Sir Arthur Haselrigg, we were unable to advise that the whole of Waller's army should march westward, though most sensible of the great consequence of the west, and so on the 17th sent word to Sir William for a strong party to march westward. We could not advise that the artillery and foot should be sent westward until recruited, but submit this to the pleasure of the House [of Commons]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 131, 132.]

July 23. Reading. Lieut.-General Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 22nd by Sir Arthur Haselrigg, and do most willingly obey your commands. I accordingly prepared to march to-morrow, warned in the country to bring in their teams and carts, and gave orders that all other things be in like readiness, upon which I presently understood the resolution of my soldiers not to march without money, for want of which many have already run away, and the Herts. men by your orders are gone. These things I humbly offer, because they necessarily protract my obedience, together with the sense of the Committee sitting here to put the ordinance of Parliament in execution, with whom Sir Arthur Haselrigg himself has consulted. [I would further urge] that having made some entrance upon the work [of reducing the country to the obedience of the Parliament] by fining some and imprisoning others, [it would be very hazardous to suspend operations]; we have likewise engaged the honest party hereabouts to appear for the [Parliament] upon hopes and promises to be protected by us. [If this force should be withdrawn] both they must give over the work begun and return to London, and our friends be exposed to inevitable ruin by the forces of Wallingford and elsewhere, which can in no sort be prevented, we lying at Abingdon, where besides we shall find a great want of victuals, the enemy lying on both sides of us; Sir Wm. Waller himself being forced to send into my quarters for supplies. We have also begun to raise new forces, which we must desist from. I have diverse times informed you of my strength, consisting only of three broken regiments of the London auxiliaries, not above 800 in all, with the Windsor men about 400; together with four troops of horse and one of dragoons, who like the foot are resolved not to stir without money. The forces that Sir Wm. intends to leave behind him, I understand, are very few, if any, besides the remaining part of Sir James Harrington's brigade, who are to go home within 3 or 4 days upon Sir William's late promise to them, which has retained them here till now. Now could I persuade my men to march, I presume it very unsafe to adventure so great a train of artillery as I have, with so small a strength, and that between two garrisons not being able to make good my retreat. I am heartily sorry that I am not in a capacity to do the service you expect from me, and humbly desire this remonstrance may not be conceived by you to be any dispute of your commands. The rather

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as I hold myself in duty bound to signify the true state of our condition, which when you have considered and shall again command me, I shall notwithstanding, with all cheerfulness, do all that I possibly am able. I should further acquaint you that the Committee have sat here almost a week, and I perceive they will not be able to raise any considerable sum nor in convenient time for our necessary supply. I do therefore beg that a more speedy and constant course be taken for our relief, lest the soldiers totally disband themselves, and that some course may be taken in the meantime to punish exemplarily those that run away from us. Thus praying that God will direct all your counsels to his own glory and the public good I rest. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 136–138. *Copy*=2 *pp.*]

July 23. Abingdon. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I am necessitated to inform you of the mutinous carriage of Sir Michael Livesay and Sir Thos. Pierce, who, without acquainting me with their discontents, have falsely suggested to the Committee of Kent that I abused and slighted their regiment consisting of 800 horse, which I am confident is the bravest regiment in England, and that I should put them upon the hardest duty and worst quarter. Yesterday, without any notice given to me, four troops of that regiment marched away by their command. The rest I am informed, for they have private counsels of their own, will follow speedily. If they go I must follow, but I humbly desire I may not be exposed to the scorn of the enemy, when I shall lie so near them and not be able to attempt anything against them. My humble suit is, that the troops that are gone may be remanded to me and those commanded to stay that are with me; also that Livesay and Pierce may be called to a strict account of their actions in this business. If this disorder pass unpunished I may bid farewell to all power of commanding in this army hereafter. I beg [this as] a right, which I humbly submit to your consideration. [*Ibid., pp.* 138–139. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

July 23. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Stapeley. For the better carrying on and finishing this war the Houses have thought fit to raise a further force, both of horse and foot, in several counties and places which are particularly mentioned in their ordinance of the 12th July to that purpose, which we believe you have before this time seen. In some places those forces are in some forwardness, and the occasion is ready for them all. To facilitate and expedite the raising of that proportion appointed to your county, we desire that you will spare 400 of your garrison of Chichester for this service, which shall be supplied from the new levies of the county, who will be more willing to rise for the keeping of that town, and will be fitter for it where they are not like to have any danger near them than for present field service, and those of your garrison now ready are fitter for field service than the new levies. We know your readiness in all things to serve the public, and doubt not you will do the like in this. Signed by

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Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Sir Thos. Parker. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 232. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 23. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have considered yours of the 21st, and according to your desire have appointed Major-General Browne to march to Abingdon. We therefore again desire you to send as strong a party into Dorsetshire for clearing of those parts at you can, leaving a competent strength for the security of Abingdon. *Underwritten,*

This was not sent. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 233. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

July 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Warwickshire. By reason of some special service of great concernment to be now done by Sir W. Waller, to enable him whereunto your forces are requisite, we therefore desire that those forces of yours with him may continue there until that other proportion upon the ordinance of 12th July shall be come up. In case your forces should have left before this arrives, then we desire that they forthwith return. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Potter. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 234. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. We doubt not but your new forces upon the ordinance of the 12th July are in good forwardness, but because there is present occasion of some service for which your forces will be necessary, we desire you that your proportion of horse, which we believe will be speedily ready, may march to Abingdon to join Sir W. Waller, without tarrying for your foot. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

July 24. 65. John Lord Byron of Rochdale, Field Marshal General of all his Majesty's forces in cos. Worcester, Salop, Chester, Lancaster, and the six counties of North Wales, to Captain Thomas Carleton. For that divers troopers in the regiment of horse under my command after the defeat near York have repaired into Cumberland and other places without leave, and still absent themselves from their colours; these are to require you to march into Cumberland, or elsewhere, and take all such troopers into custody, and to conduct them to the regiment. And if any troopers having deserted their colours as aforesaid, upon your repair to them herewith, refuse or neglect to return to their colours, you are to commit them to safe custody, to be proceeded against according to martial law. [*Seal impressed.* 1 *p.*]

[July 24.] 66. Certificate of Colonel Thomas Napier and Matthew West. That Tho. Carleton of Milnerhill, Cumberland, had command of a troop of horse in Lord Byron's regiment, and did behave himself on all occasions as a person of bold and resolute courage, and never since that loyal party was dispersed hath engaged any way to the contrary, but to the best of our knowledge hath always behaved himself as a true and loyal subject. [*Endorsed:* "Captain Carleton's certificate, subscribed by Colonel Napier and Sir William Carleton [*sic.*]." $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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July 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the captains and commanders of the four Kentish troops now at Kingston to stay them till they receive further orders from this Committee. 2. The like to the Committee at Knole informing them thereof. 3. That Mr. Frost be empowered to employ intelligencers in the King's quarters or garrisons, and the intelligence so obtained be submitted to this Committee before being opened. 4. That some of the Committee of the Militia be desired to be here by 3 p.m. 5. That the Committee of cos. Oxon, Berks., and Bucks. be desired to attend this afternoon. 6. That the letter from the Generals in the north and the articles of the surrender of York, with the paper interpreting the articles, be reported to the Houses of Parliament this morning. 7. That Sir Adam Hepburn's and Mr. [Thomas] Hatcher's instructions be read to-morrow morning. Afternoon.—Ordered, 8. That the willingness of the Herts.' Committee to raise the 500 foot and 100 horse if their ordinance be passed be reported to the House [of Commons]. 9. That Lord Folliott's petition be referred to the Committee at Grocers' Hall so that they may certify their knowledge thereof according to the last clause in the petition. 10. That the letter from the Committee of Norfolk be reported to the House [of Commons]. 11. That it be given in answer to the gentlemen of Ireland that this Committee will report their business to the House of Commons as soon as possibly they can. 12. That the propositions concerning Ireland be taken into consideration to-morrow afternoon. 13. That a letter be written to Major-Genl. Browne and the Committee at Reading to march with their forces to Abingdon with all speed. 14. That the Committee of cos. Oxon, Berks., and Bucks. be desired to write to the same effect and to recommend it to them to send one of their own number. 16. That the Committee of the City Militia be desired to write to Major-Genl. Browne to march with his forces to Abingdon, and that they send some of their own number thither, to encourage Browne's forces to march, and those with Sir James Harrington to stay there for 21 days longer till the new forces now preparing be ready to march thither. 16. To write to Sir Wm. Waller to leave part of his force and his ordnance with Major-Genl. Browne and send a strong party into the west according to former orders; and that he obey such orders and directions as he shall receive from both Houses or from this Committee. 17. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to take care of the ordnance and forces that shall be left under his command. 18. To write to Sir James Harrington to stay with his forces at Abingdon for 20 days. Also to the commanders of Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Warwick, and Gloucester to tarry there. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 133, 134.]

July 24. Reading. [Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms.] I have sent up Sir Robert Jenkinson and Charles, William, and Henry Howard to be disposed of by your Lordships. The first, who is

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sheriff of Oxfordshire, I took when I was at Woodstock, the others since I came hither. Since writing the above I received yours signifying that you have given directions to Major-Genl. Browne to draw to Abingdon. I hear this morning, for I cannot have the honour to see him, that he cannot march without money. If he come I shall quit that quarter to him and despatch my horse and dragoons under Lieut.-Genl. Middleton into the west or go myself, if I may have a particular commission from the Houses, or otherwise come and attend my service in the [Commons'] House. I purpose upon Browne's advance to march away and lodge my train at Farnham. There will be no remaining here for me in his association. If you shall think fit to employ me I desire I may have a commission only subordinate to both Houses and the Committee of both kingdoms. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 139. *Copy* ⅔ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Knowle [Park, near Sevenoaks]. We have received information that four troops of your Kentish horse are returned from the army and are now at Kingstone. We know not what the cause is, but we have written to them to stay there until they receive further orders from this Committee, and have thought fit to give you this information thereof. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Capt. Skinner's means at 11 a.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 232, 233. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The same to the commanders of the four troops of the Kentish horse now at Kingstone. We desire that you will stay where you are till you receive further orders from this Committee. We have also written to the Committee at Knowle. Signed as above, and sent by Binding, 11 a.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 233. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have taken into consideration upon the return of Sir Arthur Haselrigg the disposing of your forces, and have thought fit that you leave your ordnance and such forces as you shall judge fit at Abingdon to join with the forces of Major-General Browne, to whom we have given order to march thither forthwith and take into his charge those forces and ordnance. You are with the rest of your forces speedily to march into the west according to our former orders and directions, there to employ and improve them as occasion shall offer, awaiting further orders from the Parliament or this Committee. Signed as above, and sent by Jennings at night. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 235. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The same to the commanders of the forces at Newport Pagnell. We have ordered Major-General Browne to march forthwith to Abingdon, and take into his charge the ordnance and forces to be left there by Sir W. Waller, who is to march into the west. You are therefore to stay at Abingdon for a short time and obey the directions of the Major until further orders. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 24. The like letters to Warwick, Northampton, and Gloucester. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

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July 24. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. In ours of the 22nd inst., directing you to march to Abingdon, we explained the necessity of that service to which we again refer you. In yours of the 23rd you urge the want of money as an obstacle to your march. We are informed that some money has been lately sent you by the Committee of the three counties, and we shall endeavour your further supply. We desire you to march thither forthwith and take into your charge the forces and ordnance which Sir W. Waller will leave there when he marches into the west with a party of his forces. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 236. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Reading. We have written to Major-General Browne to march forthwith to Abingdon to take charge of those forces and ordnance to be left there by Sir W. Waller. We desire you to give him all the furtherance you can therein, and care shall be taken for disposing of forces in such places as may secure those parts from the excursions of the garrison of Wallingford. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 24. Derby House. The same to Sir James Harrington. In respect of the present posture of the west we have appointed Sir W. Waller to march that way with a strong party, and to leave the rest of his forces and ordnance at Abingdon with Major-General Browne. We desire you, with your forces, to tarry there for 20 days, until your absence shall be supplied with some of the new levied forces. We have also written to the forces of Newport Pagnell, Northampton, Warwick, and Gloucester for the same purpose. The forces that are with Major-General Browne will not be sufficient to secure that place and that train [of artillery] if your forces shall come away, neither will the new forces come in with such willingness as they will upon knowledge of a good party [being] there. We know your willingness to serve the public, notwithstanding the many difficulties your forces are under, which we shall endeavour to have supplied. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 237. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 25. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., reporter, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr.. Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the two papers concerning the supply of the Scottish army and that of Lord Fairfax, presented to this Committee by Sir Adam Hepburn and Mr. Hatcher, be reported to the House [of Commons], as also their desire of a supply [of ammunition] to the Earl of Manchester's army. 2. That a sub-committee, comprising Lord Maitland, Mr. Solicitor St. John, and Messrs. Pierrepont and Crew, be appointed to draft a letter to the three Generals [Earls of Manchester and Leven, and Lord Fairfax], desiring them to send a sufficient force against Prince Rupert to engage with and disperse his army, leaving the way and numbers to their discretion. 3. That it be effectually recommended to the House [of Commons] to send speedily away money and

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clothes to the Scottish army, for better enabling them to undertake the service recommended to them. 4. Warrant to Sir Walter Erle to deliver 50 barrels of gunpowder and 5 tun of match to Mr. Taylor for the garrison of Portsmouth. 5. That Mr. Greene do attend this afternoon at 5 p.m. 6. Also Mr. Lawrence Whitaker. 7. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] that the two troops of Kentish horse, under Capts. Browne and Butler, which convoyed the money for the Lord General to Portsmouth may be paid by the State. 8. To write to the Committee of Lancashire, Sir William Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton, to unite their forces and endeavour to stop Prince Rupert's march out of that county. Also to inform them to expect reinforcements from the armies in the north for whom they must make provision. 9. To write to Sir W. Waller, desiring that Sir Michael Livesey may come up. 10. To write to Livesey to repair to this Committee. Afternoon.—Ordered, 11. That answer be returned to the gents. from Herts., directing them to deliver their petition to the House of Commons themselves, as in the former instance. 12. Letter of recommendation to be written to the Lord Admiral in behalf of Col. Beale and the captains of his regiment. 13. That a sub-committee, comprising Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Crew, and Mr. Browne, be appointed to consider the business of Mr. [Walter] Strickland referred by the Commons to this Committee. 14. To take into consideration, on Saturday afternoon, the borrowing of money and the means for lessening the charges of the kingdom both by land and sea. 15. That the proposition made this afternoon by Sir Adam Hepburne and Mr. Hatcher be reported to both Houses. 16. That the propositions given in by the Commissioners from the British forces in Ulster, as also their answers to the queries of this Committee, be reported to the House of Commons. As they chiefly concern provision of money this Committee cannot offer any opinion, but must leave them to the consideration of the House. 17. That the Houses of Parliament having already passed some votes concerning the management of the war, which are transmitted to Scotland, this Committee, desires to put the House [of Commons] in mind of the same, that nothing be done herein that may interfere with those votes, and to recommend that the forces there may have such encouragement given them as may enable them to continue and prosecute that service. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp.* 134–136.]

July 25. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee in the north and the three Generals [Fairfax, Manchester, and Leven]. We have more particularly understood the condition of your armies by Sir Adam Hebron [Hepburn] and Mr. [Thomas] Hatcher. We are very sensible of their wants of money, clothes, and other necessary provisions, and shall use our utmost endeavours for a speedy and considerable supply, whereof we hope within a few days to give your Lordships a good account. By certain information we hear that Prince Rupert is in Lancashire with 8,000 or 9,000 horse and dragoons, which will enable him in a short time to destroy those countries, and with the assistance of the Earl of Derby, who is very

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active and of great power, to raise such forces as may put things to a hazard which way soever he shall march, either to the northern or southern parts. He has the haven of Liverpool [in his power], and by that means is like to have an addition of much strength from Ireland. We have taken these things into serious debate, at which Sir Adam Hebron [Hepburn] and Mr. Hatcher were present, and find that there will be many difficulties in the march of your whole army, or in sending a party against Prince Rupert, because the enemy cannot be pursued through difficult passages nor with speed by a great body with artillery and carriages, besides following a light flying enemy, will harass out and break an army, whereof we have had too much experience, yet we desire that your Lordships will appoint such a strength as, with the forces of Lancashire and those parts, which, as they represent, will be at least 1,000 horse and 4,000 foot, may be able to go up to him and fight with him, or prevent any mischief which may otherwise fall upon his motion northward, southward, or towards the Earl of Manchester's Association. What ways to march, what number, and with what forces you, who are upon the place, can best judge, to whom we leave it. Your letter, brought by Sir Adam Hebron [Hepburn] and Mr. Hatcher, was yesterday reported to the Houses of Parliament, and will be speedily taken into consideration. Sent by Mr. Hutchins, and next day a duplicate by the same. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 237, 238. *Copy*=1⅓ *p.*]

July 25. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Brereton. We have taken into consideration how to oppose the forces of Prince Rupert in Lancashire, and to consummate the late victory over him [at Marston-Moor]. We desire you to gather all your forces together and endeavour to stop his march out of that country. We have written to the three Generals in the north [*see above*] to send such forces thither as may be sufficient for that end with the addition of yours. You are to make such provision of victuals in those parts, that those who shall come to you may subsist there for that service. We desire you to observe such orders as you shall receive from the three Generals, or from the commander-in-chief of those forces that are to come to you. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Sir William's messenger, also a duplicate by Mr. Ashurst's care. [*Ibid*, *p.* 239. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 25. The like letter to Sir Thos. Middleton. [*Ibid.* *Minute.*]

July 25. The like to the Committe of Lanchashire. [*Ibid.* *Minute.*]

July 25. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We are advertised that the Committee of Kent, hearing that some of their troops were come away from you, would have been ready to order their return, but they, being come home, make their excuse with divers complaints, which this Committee, knowing of how dangerous a consequence such distractions at this time may prove, desire that you suffer Sir Michael Lucie [Livesey] to come up to this Committee, according as we have also written to himself. That upon his hearing, and

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what you can inform us about that business, we may take such course for composing these differences as may stand with the public good and your satisfaction. Signed as above, and sent by Thos. Pidcock, 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 239, 240. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

July 25. Derby House. The same to Sir Michael Livesey. We understand that some of the Kentish horse under your command are come from Sir W. Waller without his knowledge, and by a letter from the Committee of Kent we find them much troubled thereat. For our more full understanding of the business we desire you will forthwith repair to this Committee, that we, having a full information thereof, may use such expedient for composing the same as may be best for the public service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 240. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

July 25. Knowle. 67. The Committee of Kent to the Committee of Lords and Commons for the safety of both kingdoms. We received early this morning a letter from Captain [Edward] Scott, that he was imprisoned. We receive even now one from our Colonel that he is under restraint, the copy of which we enclose. We cannot but entertain these proceedings with amazement, especially having received within these two nights a letter from Sir William Waller of so smooth and plausible a tenor. Captain Scott we ever intended to recall, though upon your command we had designed the stay of his troop under another captain commissioned by us to speed thither to take charge; and wherefore he should be committed for obeying our commands, having no dependence on Sir William Waller's associated forces, as we understand not, so can we make no fair construction of that action. The truth is we have observed for a long time a plot of the Malignants to blow up this county into a high discontent, which we have done our best to prevent, but fear it will not be. Let the sin and shame light upon the authors, we are free from it; nor have we ever declined any of your commands though to our excessive charge. [*Endorsed:* "Committee of Kent, from Knowle, 25 July 1644; received and read, 26 ditto." 1 *p.*]

[July 25.] 68. Examination or information of Captain John Potter, one of the four Commissioners of Parliament ordained to reside in his Excellency's army, concerning the sale of 244 bags of Segovia wool and other articles by Col. Harvey and Dr. [Isaac] Dorislaus, Judge Advocate in his Excellency's army, at Weymouth, on June 20, at prices far below the value of the goods. [2¼ *pp.*]

[July 25.] 69. Examination of Major Robert Mainwaring on the same subject. [¾ *p.*]

July 25. Tavistock, Devon. 70. The like of Henry Talbot, gent., and sergeant to Capt. Jeffrey Richbell, of Colonel Cunningham's regiment, on the same subject. Taken at Tavistock before Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Fortescue, Sergeant-Major Tho. Bulstrode, and Captain Humphrey Fownes. [2 *pp.*]

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July 25. Amsterdam. John Constable to his father Sir Henry Viscount Dunbar. These are to give you an account of my passage and of my safe arrival at Amsterdam. After we put to sea we came in sight of two ships of the Parliament which put us in much fear, but the mist being thick we passed without their descrying us. Having been delayed two days by a contrary wind we at last got within the Texel, where we were safe from our greatest enemies, for the States protect all within that; the next morning we ran aground by the negligence of the pilot six miles below Amsterdam, being put to the trouble of taking a boat to Amsterdam, where we see such an innumerable number of ships and boats as I think the world hath not the like, and the town is very bravely builded in the fashion of Covent Garden, but far more curious. For the news that is here stirring, first, Prince Rupert is here mightily condemned for his rashness, but the Marquis of Newcastle much more for coming away; Newcastle is said to be taken by my Lord of Aumond [Almond]; the French, as is here reported, have taken Gravelines, and the Prince of Orange has taken some sconces near Antwerp, and now lies near Ghent. It is here confidently reported that Lord Goring has concluded a peace offensive and defensive with the French, which, if it be so, it will make good my grandmother's prophecy. All things here are very dear, and so we are resolved to-morrow to go towards Flanders, where we must expect much trouble, and which way to subsist I know not, but I would entreat you never to think of coming over. The Marquis of Newcastle is at Hamburg, and as one of his servants reports he will be here [at Amsterdam] shortly. This is all I can inform myself of at this time, hereafter I will not fail to give you an account of what passes where I am, though I despair almost that any letter can come to your hands. [*Seal with crest.* 1½ *p. In Holland Correspondence.*]

July 25. [Amsterdam.] John Constable to his father Sir Henry Viscount Dunbar. I am very well here at Amsterdam, but as yet cannot resolve where to settle, but as soon as I am once settled you shall hear from me, and then I shall be happy to receive [news] from you [of] the condition our country stands in. [*In Holland Correspondence.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 25. Amsterdam. The same to his mother [Mary] Viscountess of Dunbar. Having had a safe passage to Amsterdam I intend to go for Flanders, which is at present in great danger on one side by the French, who have taken Gravelines, and on the other by the Prince of Orange, who lieth near Ghent, where I have some friends, but if there be any danger there they must go for safety into France and so must I, but what way I shall subsist I know not, for if you could furnish me with money I know not how to get it, but I trust God will direct me in some way how to live until this tempest pass over, which in all probabilities is but now rising. P.S.—I beseech you have care of your health, for on that depends all our happiness. I am likewise anxious for my brother Matthew, who I left far from well, but if he may come to you in time I know you can help him. [*Seal with arms.* 1 *p. In Holland Correspondence.*]

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July 25. [Amsterdam.] The same to his wife Mary Brudenell. I am very well here at Amsterdam, and intend to go to Ghent where Sir Francis Mannooch and lady is, but those parts are in trouble as well as our country. If that place be not quiet I intend to go into France and to live near my brother-in-[law] Brudenell, but which way to subsist I know not, for if my mother could send me any money I cannot get it, but I hope some way to live though poorly. At worst it is but returning to be a prisoner. [*Seal with crest.* ⅔ *p. Ibid.*]

July 25. [Amsterdam.] The same to his brother Matthew Constable. Circumstances of the passage and narrow escape from two Parliament ships. The French having taken Gravelines, and the Prince of Orange lying near Ghent, makes me uncertain what to do, but I intend this night to go for Rotterdam, and as I hear there to do accordingly. If my father have any thought of coming over dissuade him by all means, for I do not know how to subsist. P.S.—When you write let me know what is become of Sir Thos. Metham and the rest of my friends. Love to my brother Henry when you see him. [*Seal with crest.* 1 *p. Ibid.*]

July 25. [Amsterdam.] The same to Mr. Lassells. How to subsist I know not, yet I think I have taken the better course than to stay in my own country, though I must tell you if the Marquis of Newcastle had stayed in England neither I nor any else had thought of coming over, but his going lost his army and all those that depended on him, I wish the Prince good success, but I have little hope of him. For the 8*l.* I had of my brother my lady directed me to return 4*l.*, but he would not take it by any means; also my cousin Michael lent me 3*l.* in silver to save my gold, and I being called on shipboard of a sudden had not time to repay it. If you can procure me any money when you know where pray send it, but by way of exchange. I must confess to you I know [not] what course to take to subsist, yet at any time I may return to be a slave or prisoner. I have acquainted my cousin Nicholas with that which nobody knows but you and myself, but if you could I would not have you stir therein. My brother Matthew, whom I left with a lingering disease, I fear I shall never see again. Love to my mother and my sister Margaret. [1 *p. Ibid.*]

July 26. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Nothing voted, only duplicates of their former letter were sent to the three Generals in the north, viz., [Earls of Manchester and Leven and Lord Fairfax]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p* 136.]

July 26. Tavistock. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. I being drawn to this place for the relief of Plymouth, which is now accomplished, and being advised to march yet further westward into Cornwall to clear that country and to settle the same in peace, I have thought fit to send up Sir Philip Stapleton, and with him Mr. Herbert, one of the Commissioners appointed for my army, to give you an account both of the condition of my army and of the state of these western counties. I desire you

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to advise with them touching the things to be recommended to the [Commons'] House as may be thought requisite for the advancement of the service. In the night I received your letters concerning Guernsey and Jersey, and am ready with my life and force to act for their relief, but in regard of my great distance and the condition of things here I refer it to those gents. to inform your Lordships further therein. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 176. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 27. Proceedings of the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, Sir A. Haselrigg, reporter, the two Vanes, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crewe, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letters from Bury [St. Edmonds], and Cambridge be reported to the House [of Commons]. 2. That answer to them be made on Monday next. 3. That Dr. [William] Sammes, Judge of the Admiralty, Sir Nathaniel Brent, and Dr. [Thomas] Eden be desired to attend this Committee on Monday afternoon. 4. That orders be sent to Sir James Harrington's brigade at Abingdon to return home on 12th August next. 5. To write to the Committee of the Militia, desiring them to send forth Sir James Harrington's own brigade and that of Col. Willoughby to Abingdon. 6. To send two letters to Major-Genl. Browne, directing him to stay at Reading, or if he be advanced to return thither. 7. To consider the matter of money on Tuesday morning. 8. To inform Major-Genl. Browne that this Committee has altered their resolution of sending Sir W. Waller in person into the west, but that he stay at Abingdon and there receive orders from him. 9. That Sir Walter Erle do attend on Monday morning [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 136, 137.]

July 27. Doncaster. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. Since my coming to this place I have endeavoured the freeing of these parts from the violence and oppression which they suffered under the garrisons of the enemy. Tickhill Castle being the nearest and most prejudicial to the Isle of Axholm, I summoned it at my first coming, and sent into the town 300 dragoons, whereupon those of the place desired a parley, and have surrendered it to me. I took 120 arms and 80 horse, and have given liberty to the gentlemen to return to their several dwellings, because they referred themselves very much to my disposal. The place is of consequence, lying so as to hinder all commerce betwixt Derbyshire and these parts. I have sent to inform Lord Fairfax so that he may dispose of the place as he pleases. I have nothing to add, awaiting your commands here, and shall be ready to obey them. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series, xii., p.* 2. *Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 140. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 27. Torbay. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. I received to-day from Captain Moulton, Admiral for the Irish seas, a large relation of the affairs of Pembrokeshire, and conceiving it my duty to represent [this matter] to your Lordships I have sent diverse of the letters and papers to my secretary Coitmore, that he may attend

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you therewith. By these you will perceive how necessary it is to send speedy relief and assistance thither, that so the Parliament's interest there may be preserved, and particularly Milford Haven, the only port for ships of burden in those parts, and without which the Irish guard by sea cannot be maintained. Hereof I shall leave it to your wisdom to judge and to impart the same to the Parliament as you may see cause. I need not remind you of the necessity of continuing the Irish fleet, only you may be pleased to be informed by the enclosed list that for the most part it consists of merchants' ships, which cannot revictual without ready money. If you consider the expiration of [the term of the] respective contracts, allowing a month for their return to harbour, it will be found that the guard will be suddenly deserted by them, unless prevented. Besides the merchants' ships there are only the "Lion" and "Entrance," with the "Crescent," now become unserviceable, whose places are to be supplied by the "Leopard" and "Swallow" yet in the river. I would suggest that the state hereof may be submitted to the Parliament, so that if thought fitting the Committee of the Navy may be speedily directed and enabled to send away the "Leopard" and "Swallow," and to advance money to the owners of the merchants' ships already there, or else that other ships may be sent in their stead, to be there by the end of August, by which time those seas will be unfurnished of ships, and a free access thereby given [the enemy] to Wales, Bristol, and those parts. Capt. Penn and other commanders now sent from Milford Haven will attend your pleasures relative to the prisoners sent from Captain Moulton. I am informed from shore that the seamen are generally summoned to Exeter on pain of death, and that they hide themselves purposely to avoid the service. [*Ibid., pp.* 155, 156. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

July 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. Upon some weighty considerations we have changed our late resolutions, and therefore desire you if these letters find you at Reading that you continue still there, but if you shall have advanced towards Abingdon, tarry where you are or return to Reading till you receive further order from us. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Gardner at 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 240, 241. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

July 27. Derby House. The same to the same. Upon some weighty considerations we have changed our design, and have appointed Sir W. Waller to continue at Abingdon, therefore we desire you to receive your orders from him. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 241. *Copy.* ⅛ *p.*]

July 28. Blewbury. Lieut.-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. In obedience to your late commands I marched yesterday from Reading to Blewbury, within 5 miles of Abingdon, where I intended to be to-morrow, and accordingly sent to provide quarters. But this afternoon I received two letters from you dated the 27th inst., and by the former I am commanded back to Reading,

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July [28]. 71. Wm. Ryley, Norroy king-at-arms, to Capt. Nathaniel Smith. I have enclosed the [funeral] certificate [of Sir Francis Popham] for you, what is wanting I pray fill up in the blanks. The arms of Dudley with Popham shall be impaled in the book upon record, for this is to be fairly registered in a book of vellum, and the Colonel [Alexander Popham] may quarter all Dudley's coats with his, in which I shall give some direction when you please, but this is very necessary for him to be done, especially in respect it entitles him to all the Lord Dudley's quarterings with a due difference. I leave it to your care, knowing you much honour this noble family, and so do I. P.S.—When you desire to speak with me leave word here at Mr. Walker's, and I will wait on you or the Colonel. [*Seal with arms. Torn across.* ½ *p.*] *Enclosed,*

71. 1. *Funeral certificate of Sir Francis Popham, of Houndstreet* [*House*], *Somerset, knighted by the Earl of Essex at Cadiz, one of the gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, Deputy Lieutenant and Colonel of a regiment of foot within Wilts., and late J. P. and Quorum of cos. Wilts. and Somerset, deceased at Newington, Middlesex, aged* 74 *years, having done great and remarkable service for his King and country, the* 28*th July* 1644. *His first wife was Anne heiress of John Dudley, of Newington, descended from the Dudleys of Dudley Castle, and his second, Lettice, daughter of* [*Richard*] *Carr, one of the grooms of the bedchamber to King James, by both of whom he had issue as here stated. Frances, his second daughter by his second wife, married Lord Conway. This certificate was taken by Wm. Ryley, Lancaster Herald, and Robert Browne, Bluemantle, and attested by Colonel Alexander*

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Popham, son and heir of the defunct. [*Draft. Written on the same paper as the letter. 2 pp.*]

July [28]. 72. Copy of the above certificate only. [*With emblazoned coat of arms. 1¾ p.*]

July 29. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., reporter, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Frost do speak to the Committee of the Militia of London to hasten their horse. 2. That Essex be thanked for their forwardness in furnishing their proportion of forces upon the new ordinance of 12 July; that we have written to the other counties to have their forces ready, and that their backwardness shall not excuse them. The like to Norfolk. 3. To write to the rest of the counties urging expedition, and citing the readiness of Essex and Norfolk. 4. To desire some of the Committee of the Militia to be here to-morrow, to speak with this Committee concerning money to pay the forces with Sir James Harrington. 5. To inform Col. Massie of the intention to garrison Eversholme [Evesham], and to desire him to send 200 or 300 foot to occupy it, under Col. Archer, until the forces can be raised that are appointed for that work. 6. To write to the Committee of Northampton to return the names of those who have listed upon the order of both Houses, but who refuse to appear upon beat of their captains' drums. 7. All members of this Committee to attend on Friday morning, when the taking of the Oath of Secrecy is to be taken into consideration. 8. That the business of Jersey and Guernsey be taken into consideration to-morrow afternoon. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp. 137, 138.*]

July 29. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the several counties [undermentioned]. We have formerly written to you to expedite the raising of that proportion of forces appointed for your county by the [Parliamentary] ordinance of 12th July last. In regard the time fixed is already elapsed, the service of very great consequence, and the proportions of some counties ready, we have again to urge you with all expedition to make yours ready to march, and give us notice that we may appoint a rendezvous. By reason of this delay a great burden is imposed on such places as are ready, and the public service thwarted, as it cannot be carried on without the concurrence of all. We desire that the opportunities offered may not be neglected nor the charge, which now seems great, be multiplied by drawing out this war, and the mischiefs of it, to a greater length, which, by a present and effectual prosecution, might be brought to a happy and speedy end. *Underwritten,*

This clause [*to be added to the copy sent*] *to the Earl of Manchester's Association. We desire you withal to have a care of the recruits of the Earl of Manchester's army, being both services of very great consequence.* In margin: "[*Copies sent by*] *Mr. Crispe to Wilts. and Hants., by Mr. Butler to Earl of Manchester's Association, by*

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Mr. Binding to Beds., Northampton, and Warwick, by Mr. Gardner to the Committee of Surrey at Kingston. Signed by Wharton and Maitland." [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 241, 242. *Copy*=1 *p*].

July 29. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Northampton. Understanding by a letter under many of your hands that, according to an order of both Houses, you have [en]listed some townsmen and assigned them several captains, but that few appeared upon the beat of your captains' drums. This precedent being of dangerous consequence, and there being necessary occasions for employing some of your forces out of the county, we desire you to send us hither the names of such as continue refractory, being confident that the Houses will be very sensible of their disobedience who have neglected and slighted their orders, and of any affront done to those who have endeavoured to observe them. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Crewe's care. [*Ibid., pp.* 242, 243. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 29. Derby House. The same to Sir James Harrington. We have taken into consideration your long stay abroad with your brigade, which we are very sensible of, and give you thanks for your good service therein. We have some time since taken care to raise such forces as may relieve you for the present, and prevent the like long service for the future, which forces are where appointed prepared with all expedition. Until they can arrive we have written to the [Committee of] Militia to send thither your own regiment and that of Col. Willoughby, to supply the absence of these. We therefore desire you to stay there at Abingdon only until 13th August, when you have order to return home with those forces, as by that time the other regiments will be come up. Signed as above, and given to Sir James in town. [*Ibid., p.* 243. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

July 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, the two Vanes, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the petitions now presented be sent to the Judge of the Admiralty. 2. To remind the House [of Commons] of returning answer to the Scottish Commissioners' paper concerning the Earl of Roxburgh. 3. To write to the Committee of Kent, noticing the scattering of Sir Michael Livesey's regiment, to the great prejudice of the present service; to desire them to remand those troops; to let them know that this Committee has commanded Sir Michael to attend here, and that the difference between [him and them] shall have a fair and free hearing. 4. To acquaint Sir Michael Livesey that Sir W. Waller intends to put in a charge against him upon Thursday in the afternoon, and that this Committee do lay their commands upon him to attend in town the pleasure of this Committee, and to carry himself inoffensively during the proceeding of this business. 5. That he shall have a copy of the charge, and shall answer for himself. 6. That on Thursday morning the business of forts and the fortifying of Abingdon be considered. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 138.]

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1644. July 30. Ferrybridge. The Earl of Lindsay and Sir Thos. Fairfax to the Committee of both kingdoms. We have received your letter with your advice concerning the disposal of the forces here, which seems to have been grounded upon information you have received of Prince Rupert's being in Lancashire with all his forces. The armies lying now at a distance from each other, this day and place was appointed for our meeting with the three Generals [Leven, Fairfax, and Manchester] for resolving upon the most expedient ways of disposing of these armies and satisfying of your desires. At our meeting, before any other [business], having communicated our intelligence, we found that on Wednesday last Prince [Rupert] with 2,000 horsemen marched into Cheshire, and [Col.] Goring with the remainder of these forces into Cumberland and Westmorland. So as it appears by this change of the condition of affairs that the pursuance of your advice in order to [regaining] Lancashire will not now be necessary or expedient; and hereupon having entered into the consideration of the affairs of the kingdom both in the south and north, and of the fittest ways how these armies might be best employed to the advantage of the cause in both, we did with advice and consent of the [three] Generals fix upon these resolutions following, which we offer to your Lordships' [strictures]. First, that the whole Scottish army, horse and foot, shall presently march northward and be employed according to the tenor of this enclosed Act, being the result of our consultations concerning it; and that because the Earl of Callender's army, which is now lying before Newcastle upon the south side, will not be able to deal with Goring, Montrose, Clavering, and the rest who are all marching towards him with a power of horse far greater than his, whereby in place of gaining Newcastle he will be necessitated with the hazard of his horsemen to betake himself with his foot into Sunderland or Hartlepool, now in his hands, for safety, and so be disenabled to do the kingdom service, the event whereof might prove no other than the loss or hazard of all that which with so much labour and expense has been gained in these counties. This was conceived an argument strong enough for that army's march northward, howbeit the reducing of Newcastle were a matter of small importance to the kingdom. Secondly, that the Earl of Manchester shall march into Lincoln where he may most conveniently and speedily have his recruits come to him from his own Association, whereby he will be enabled to give more effectual obedience to your commands whether with relation to the south or north. But because the directing of Manchester's army doth not properly belong to this Committee we have thought fitting to offer this to you, and have advised his Lordship presently to advance so far, being assured that his movement southward will prove advantageous to your affairs there. Thirdly, that this county of York being now freed from the enemy's forces except in some castles which are daily falling into our hands, Sir Thos. Fairfax shall send 1,000 horsemen into Lancashire who, with the forces you mention to be in it, may be able to clear that county of all enemies able to take the field. These, with the addition of the Notts, Derby, Leicester, and Cheshire

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forces, which we desire you to give order to join with them, will be able to deal with and crush any of the enemy's forces in those parts. These armies being thus disposed, we are hopeful that they will be able to preserve not only what they have gained, and to deal with any enemies that are nearest to them, but to supply reinforcements in whatever part of the kingdom the storm shall break out thickest. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 153, 154. *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

July 30. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Massie. In consideration of the consequence of Evesholme [Evesham] both as a pass between Oxford and the north-west parts, and as a security for your county and garrisons, we have appointed a garrison to be put into it by Lord Denbigh and the fortifications perfected. We desire you to send 300 musketeers under Col. Archer for the taking and keeping of that town till the forces appointed for that purpose can be raised. Signed by Wharton and Maitland. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 244. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

July 30. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. We understand that your horse lately with Sir W. Waller under the command of Sir Michael Livesey are departed from that service and begin to be scattered to the great prejudice thereof. We desire you to use your endeavours to gather them together and send them back to that service. The business of Sir Michael Livesey is now in agitation before this Committee, and on Thursday Sir W. Waller will give in a charge against him, of which he shall have a copy and a fair hearing concerning it. We have required Sir Michael to remain in town while that business is depending. Signed as above, and sent by Dr. Potter. P.S.—We are informed that you have already given order for the return of those horse which notwithstanding still scatter. We desire you to renew your order concerning it. [*Ibid., pp.* 244, 245. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

July 30. [Rotterdam.] John Constable to his father, Sir Henry Viscount Dunbar. I am this morning going from Rotterdam, where we have been these three days in getting a pass to the confines of Flanders, which cost me 4*l.* for myself and servant, for here they make us pay as much for a servant as the master doth, and all things are so dear as I do not know which way to subsist. For the occurrences here,—The Prince of Orange has besieged Salce [Sas de Gand?] which is within four miles of Ghent. The Marquis of Newcastle is still at Hamburg in a poor condition; both his sons have had the measles; I believe he now repents his folly, but General King is in great pomp; the Prince Elector is going from hence to London, I imagine for no good. The best way I can find for you to write is to direct your letters to Mr. Church at the Three Castles in Sea-Dike-street, Amsterdam, and your packets to your cousin, Mr. Trotter, who is a younger brother of that house and a very honest man, who will forward them to me, [1 *p. In Holland Correspondence.*]

[July.] 73. Petition of the Commissioners [appointed by Parliament] for his Excellency [the Earl of Essex's] army to [the House of Com-

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mons]. That they may be vindicated against Colonel Harvey and Dr. Dorisla[us]. For that the ordinance of Parliament touching their pay is already expired and no provision made for them in the future, nor their pay, which is already due, by one half yet satisfied, by reason of the many fractions of so small a sum to be collected out of so many divisions. They pray the House to order that the several Committees for the former assessing of their pay may speedily cause their arrears to be paid in distinctly for the Commissioners' use, notwithstanding any former orders; and that their future pay may issue out of the Excise according to their former allowance of 126*l.* per month for them and their clerks, to begin from September 4 last inclusive, being an exact account to that day if their arrears be paid in. That their instructions presented to the Committee of the West may be reported and speedily passed; without which they cannot effectually discharge their service. [*Margin.*] Memorandum. That the House formerly ordered that they should receive their arrears out of the wool money, yet to accommodate the present necessity of the west they waived their present benefit and depended upon their former ordinance, and now they are like to suffer for it. [1 *p.*]

August 1. 74. Commission signed by Sir Wm. Brereton, Bart., Commander-in-Chief of the forces raised within the county palatine of Chester for the service of the King and Parliament, and by the rest of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of the said county and city, appointing James Croxton to act as treasurer of the money to be levied for the service of the forces of that county, within the county and within the city of Chester when it shall be reduced. For which employment and for defraying your charges you are to deduct on your account twopence out of every 20*s.* you shall receive by virtue of this commission. [1 *p.*]

August 1. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business whereof Sir Samuel Rowles gave information be taken into consideration to-morrow. 2. That Mr. Greene with the Committee of the Navy and Judge of the Admiralty be desired to be at this Committee on Saturday in the afternoon about the business of the French ships which were sent by the Lord Admiral [Warwick] to the Isle of Wight. 3. That the present fortification of Abingdon be recommended to Sir W. Waller. 4. That the Committee of cos. Oxon, Berks., and Bucks., be desired to be at this Committee to-morrow afternoon. 5. That Sir A. Haselrigg and Sir H. Vane, junr., be desired to go to the Committee of Kent to compose the differences betwixt Sir W. Waller, the Committee of that county, and Sir Michael Livesey. 6. That it be delivered to Sir Michael Livesey now attending without that this Committee has appointed Sir A. Haselrigg and Sir H. Vane, [junr.], to go and speak with the Committee of Kent, and therefore do give him leave to go thither with them till

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he shall receive further advertisement from this Committee; and that he carry himself there inoffensively. 7. To write to the Committee of Kent taking notice of the differences between Sir W. Waller and Sir Michael Livesey, expressing the desire of this Committee to have them removed for the advantage of the public service; for which purpose they have sent Sir A. Haselrigg and Sir H. Vane to them, hoping they will be ready to comply with this Committee. 8. To put the House [of Commons] in mind of the enabling of Sir W. Waller for service by providing the money formerly voted, viz., the 5,000*l.*, 10,000*l.*, and monthly pay. 9. To write to the Committee of the Militia to signify their resolutions concerning the pay of Sir James Harrington's brigade and the sending forth other regiments for their relief, as was formerly desired. 10. That Sir James Harrington be acquainted that this Committee will recommend to the Committee of the Militia the payment of his brigade and sending of more forces for their relief, and to desire him to go to his charge. 11. That Mr. Crew do write to the Committee of Northampton that if they find an opportunity to take Banbury without breaking [up] their forces or hindering the sending of such horse and foot upon orders as are appointed by the late ordinance, this Committee gives way thereunto. 12. That the business of Jersey and Guernsey be reported to the House of Lords by Lord Wharton. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 138, 139.]

August 1. Bloyth [Blyth]. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. Upon the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., the Earl of Leven, Lord Fairfax, and myself, with all the other chief officers belonging to our armies, held a consultation as to what was fittest to be done. We found by our own certain intelligence that your information concerning Prince Rupert's being in Lancashire was not such as we could rely upon; for the Prince with all his best horse which he had remaining quitted Lancashire upon Wednesday sennight, and passed over into Cheshire at Hale ford, while his dragoons and the remainder of his foot were daily transported by boat from Liverpool into Cheshire. The rest of his horse, under the command of [Col.] Goring, together with some foot under Col. Clavering and the Earl of Montrose, are marched towards Cumberland and Westmorland, so that there are only some petty garrisons left in Lancashire, which the forces in that county if well employed may easily master. We therefore thought fit thus to divide our forces, that I should march southward, and that the Scots with their army should march for the security of those northern counties, and to intend the taking of Newcastle. Upon the taking of this resolution, I resolve to be myself at Lincoln by Saturday night, and shall intend the recruiting and refreshing of my forces with what speed I can. Meanwhile I wait your commands as to which way you will have me to march and what you will have me to do. I submit this to your Lordships. I have sent to the Committee at Cambridge, and to the Committees of the several counties [forming my Association], to desire them that they would speed away recruits for this army, both of horse and foot. They return me this answer, that they have lately received

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an ordinance of Parliament enjoining them to raise a new force of horse, foot, and dragoons, which they are preparing to observe, and therefore do desire me to excuse them in that they are not able to do [both]; for they cannot pay nor recruit this army and raise such other forces as are required by that ordinance. I shall therefore desire to know which way your Lordships please to have those forces disposed, and shall readily obey your orders. It doth much frustrate my desires in doing my duty at this time to be deprived of those recruits and supplies which I thought to have found ready, but I submit all to your Lordships' better judgment. Only I shall desire to [be] clear [on] one thing, which I hear is very confidently insisted upon, viz., that this army is really and fully paid. I shall as confidently affirm to you that they are at this time in arrear, since 1st Jany. upon half pay [for] three months. The arrears before that date are more than since, and the treasurers, who are two gentlemen of good credit and esteem, do assure me that within these few days there was yet unpaid 30,000*l.* of the former three months' assessment; of these last four months, which are almost elapsed, there is nothing as yet brought in. I must confess, and I do acknowledge it as a blessing from God, that both the officers and soldiers have never yet refused any marching or duty for want of pay, and I hope they never will. It is therefore some trouble to me to see their necessities, and yet to hear the confidence of some affirmations that we are paid to a day. I write this in order clearly to give you the truth, and not that I would plead to be exempted from any duty or service that you shall command me, for I am ready with what force I have, and which I hope may yet do you some service, to obey your orders. P.S.—Since my coming here I hear there are two regiments of horse come from Prince Rupert into Newark, bringing assurance that the Prince will send some foot thither speedily, but I hope neither his horse nor foot will be able to effect any hurt to that county, as I shall make the more haste into it. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series, xii., pp.* 2–4. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 146–148. *Copy.* 2½ *pp.*]

August 1. Plymouth. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. I had this morning a packet from Captain Moulton giving the following account of the state of Pembrokeshire. That the enemy is withdrawn about 10 miles from Pembroke, that Col. Gerard and all the strangers with 500 foot are gone out of the country, that the Parliament's forces are taking the field again, only the castles given up by the trained bands will hinder their advancing, that 140 commanders are come over from the Lord General [Essex], that the people of the country are much divided amongst themselves, and not likely to be reduced without the introduction of extraneous forces, that if the design succeed, which is represented in the inclosed, it will be very useful to send forces speedily into Wales, to make good those parts for supply of Ireland, that the securing of Milford will be the preservation of Ireland, there being great quantities of cattle in the adjacent countries and much corn. These things I humbly refer to your Lordships' consideration. The principal matter

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insisted on in Captain Moulton's letter, which I inclose, concerns Ireland, wherein an intention is discovered which if seconded with means of execution may be of very great importance; I also send two letters directed to his Majesty and the Earl of Bath and sealed with a flying seal, which Capt. Moulton forbore to send without first submitting them to the Parliament or myself. Having thus come to my hands I send them to your Lordships, though, considering their tenor, I wish they had been conveyed immediately that his Majesty might see, from Ireland itself, what is conceived there of the late mischievous peace with the Irish rebels. The improving of all these to the State's best advantage I leave to your wisdom. But if you or the Parliament shall determine anything for the prosecution of this business, it will the more import, to hasten out the winter guard for the Irish seas. You will also please to consider what Capt. Moulton proposes, concerning two small vessels to lie before Youghall, and to give order therein to the Committee of the Navy as there shall be cause. Last night Sir Thos. Wharton came aboard me in Plymouth Sound, being sent from Ireland for negotiating affairs here. I hope he took Wareham in his way, if not, it is pity the design of getting it in [the power of the Parliament] should be delivered, that there may be less danger of discovery. I came hither on Tuesday last bringing with me five prizes belonging to Foy [Fowey]. Coming on shore to-day I find the town unsettled, the soldiers complaining for want of victuals and pay, and the townsmen not very forward to content them. The garrison also is weakened by the withdrawal of 1,200 men, who have marched away with the Lord General [Essex], but I have done my best to encourage and quicken them, and will give them what assistance I can with the small strength I have here, being but two ships, whereof one is shortly to go more west. In Capt. Moulton's letter to his Excellency [Essex] intimation is given of the consequence of Tenby, and that the charge of the ships lying for the guard of it amounts to 1,200*l.* per month. The easing of which charge by securing of Tenby some other way may be worthy of your consideration. I am informed by a gentleman who came from the army this morning that 1,500 horse and foot came in to the Lord General yesterday at Bodmin, including gentlemen of quality and some troops comprising 80 horse in a troop well armed. [*Ibid., pp.* 163, 164. *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

August 1. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lord Thos. Fairfax. We desire that the 50 barrels of gunpowder which were sent down to Hull for the use of Lancashire, and which they now greatly need, may be delivered to such as they shall appoint. Signed by Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Gardner. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 245. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 2. 75. Petition of Captain Ambrose Rock of Watford, Herts., to the Council of State. King James, Queen Elizabeth, and their predecessors have, according to the laws of the realm, granted by letters patent the conservancy or office of bailywick of the Thames

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from Staines bridge to the river's head westward, to bailiffs named in these patents to be exercised by them or their sufficient deputies. The said office of water bailiff is of great concernment for the preservation of the fish spawn and fry in the river and waters falling into it, for regulating the fishermen according to law, and for preventing annoyances in the said rivers, and looking to the cleansing of them. The bailiff last employed in this service and his deputies lately deserted it, being delinquents and malignants against the Parliament, which desertion of the office, during the said bailiff's life and since his death, is to the great damage of the river, the counties adjacent, the fish therein, and the destruction of the cattle that graze near it by extraordinary overflowing, all which the inhabitants thereabouts, whose names are appended to the certificate annexed, humbly certify for your Honours' consideration. Prays the Council of State to take the premises into serious consideration and do therein as shall seem most meet and convenient. *Underwritten,*

75. I. *At the Council of State at Whitehall. Upon reading this petition it is returned in answer that the Council conceive the Parliament to be the proper place for the petitioner to apply himself unto; to whom, therefore, the Council leaves them to prosecute there that affair. Gualter Frost, die Veneris, 2 August.* [1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

75. II. *Certificate of the above-mentioned inhabitants living near the Thames. To the same effect as the above.* [Endorsed: "*Laid aside.*" *Parchment.*]

August 2. Order made at the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House this day. Any member may reveal what is resolved or spoken therein, unless forbidden by the major part of those present at such debates. Any member may reveal by word of mouth intelligence to any other member who has taken the oath enjoining him to secrecy, and he to whom the same is reported shall be under the same injunction. [*Interregnum, vol.* 6 *E., p.* 6. = ½ *p.*]

August 2. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the business offered to this Committee by Sir Ph. Stapleton be taken into consideration to-morrow in the afternoon, and that the Commissioners do deliver to Mr. Frost such papers as they desire should be taken into consideration. Afternoon.—Ordered, 2. That the Committee of cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. be desired to be here to-morrow morning at 8 a.m. 3. That the four orders of 19th February at York House concerning secrecy shall be vacated. 4. That the order of 19th July, appointing the Earl of Northumberland, Sir G. Gerard, and Mr. Solicitor a sub-committee to give the oath to the rest of the Committee shall be vacated. [5.] That the Earl of Northumberland, Sir G. Gerard, and Mr. Solicitor be appointed according to

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the ordinance of 19th July to be those before whom the rest of the members of both Houses on this Committee shall take the oath therein specified, the tenor of which oath followeth, I, *A. B.*, &c. Mem.—That all the rest of the members of both Houses on this Committee now present, whose names are above written, did this day before the Earl of Northumberland, Sir Gilbert Gerard and Mr. Solicitor St. John take this said oath in manner following, every one in order pronouncing his own name. The oath was then read by the Earl of Northumberland, every one repeating each clause after him, and at the end thereof holding up their hands. After this it was ordered that Lord Say, Sir H. Vane, senr., and Mr. Recorder [Glynn] should be those according to the said ordinance before whom the Earl of Northumberland, Sir G. Gerard, and Mr. Solicitor [St. John] should take the said oath, who accordingly did then in the manner before recited take the same oath. After this, Gualter Frost and R. Weckherlin, secretaries to the same Committee, did voluntarily offer to take the oath. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 139–141.]

August 2. Draft of the latter portion of the above. [*Ibid.*]

August 2. Nantwich. Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton to the Committee of both kingdoms. We have lately received yours of the 25th July, intimating the orders sent by you to the generals of the northern armies for sending some considerable force thence for the succour of these parts, for which we return you our humble and hearty thanks. But perceiving no indication of the approach of these forces out of the north, and the augmentation of the enemy to a greater and more formidable army, we now again assume the boldness to present you with these few lines, to advertise you of the Prince's power and residence [here], our present condition, and humbly to crave an order from the Honourable Board for the hastening of the promised succours to us. And first as touching Prince Rupert, his residence is at the present in Chester, where great preparation is made for his housekeeping, intimating therein his intended stay there. His horse out of Lancashire, consisting of about 5,000 horse and dragoons, are quartered on the other side of the Dee in Wales, and Col. Marrow with his forces of horse, about 800, lies near Tarvin, three miles on this side Chester. The Prince's foot are yet but few, but he presses new men daily in all parts within the verge of his command for the recruiting of his losses at the late battle near York. He keeps himself yet quiet in Chester without troubling of us, quartering somewhat remote thence, but the assured loss of all his carriages, and especially the want of gunpowder and ammunition, we find to be the cause. We hear that the enemy expect a supply of these out of the magazine in Dublin. We are ready to sacrifice our lives in the service, but without considerable reinforcements we will not be able to cope with so powerful an army as the enemy has. All the several parts of cos. Lancashire, Cheshire, Salop, Stafford, and North Wales now under the power of the Parliament, if all conjoined, are not able to raise 1,500 horse for present service. All which weighed together induces us to make our humble suit

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that you would again order the generals in the north to send speedy aid hither to us. Touching accommodation for the forces to be joined with us, nothing shall be wanting on our parts which may be within our powers to perform. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 160, 161. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

August 3. 76. Answer of Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord High Admiral, to the petition of Thos. Boyes, of Plymouth, matchmaker, praying his assistance for payment of 200*l.* for match served into Plymouth. The matter prayed in this petition doth not concern me; therefore I refer petitioner to the Committee at Plymouth entrusted with getting in and disposing of the moneys designed for the public service, which I conceive may receive furtherance by payment of what's due to petitioner, considering the usefulness of his profession. [*Draft.* ¼ *p.*]

August 3. Warrant of assistance by the Earl of Warwick, approving Moses Goodyear as deputy of Richard Cromeley, Esq., to collect in the port of Plymouth and parts adjacent the tenths of all prize goods taken which are due to the Earl of Warwick as Lord Admiral. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding. Draft.* ¾ *p.*]

August 3. Plymouth. 77. Note by Sir William Langley, Bart., showing his estate and interest in the five quarter coals in Lumley Park, and the nine quarter coals in High Lambton, co. Durham. [1 *p.*]

August 3. 78. Note by George Lilburne of the title of himself and Bryan Carter to the colliery of Lumley, co. Durham. As for Low Lambton colliery he cannot give the full particulars, but that Sir Wm. Lambton did let a lease to Mr. George Grey and Sir Wm. Bellasis of his coal for nine years. Mr. Grey being surveyor granted one fourth part to Sir Richard Bellasis and another fourth to George Lilburne, upon the same conditions. [*Endorsed:* "Mr. Lilburne's and Mr. Grey's interest in the coal upon Sunderland water." 1⅔ *p.*]

August 3. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Wm. Waller, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord General's letter of 30th July from Bodmin be reported to both Houses of Parliament. 2. That Tuesday morning be appointed to take into consideration the foreign affairs. 3. That the paper subscribed by Capt. Robt. Moulton be reported to the House [of Commons]. 4. To write to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge to hasten the sending of the Suffolk forces, and to acquaint them [the Committee] with the design for Oxford. Also [to write] to the Committee of Suffolk to the same effect. 5. To write to the Committee of Essex to send their forces to Abingdon. Afternoon.—Ordered, 6. Mr. Browne being now come to this Committee is to take the oath according to the ordinance of 19th July. 7. Mem.—That Mr. Browne did take the oath, like the rest of the Committee. 8. Mem.—To report concerning the French ships on

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Monday morning. 9. That Major-Genl. Browne march to Banbury with 1,000 foot, and that Capt. Temple's troop of horse and Capt. Aldridge's dragoons march with them until they join with the forces expected from Northampton and Warwick, and then return to quarters near Boarstall House to hinder the enemies fortifying there and their incursions. 10. That the City foot are to go to Banbury, and the Windsor foot to remain at Reading, also that the three troops under Capts. Greenville, Tirrell, and Askew are to stay in Berks. during the absence of the other forces. 11. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to this effect, enclosing a copy of these orders. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 142–143.]

August 3. Nantwich. Sir Wm. Brereton to the Committee of both kingdoms. Though I cannot add much to the intelligence already communicated, I would not omit an opportunity to give you some further account of the condition of the affairs in these parts, wherein Prince Rupert and his army still are, but as we conceive they are in much want of ammunition or arms, because they are so little active and quarter their horse and foot, except those in the city of Chester, upon the Welsh side beyond the Dee, and in Wirral, which is a corner of this county and almost a peninsula, whither we cannot have access to fall upon their quarters. But when the intended and expected forces come to join with us, wherever the [enemy] may be, I hope we shall find them out. In the meantime Prince Rupert is fortifying Chester, and, as some say, is erecting his court there in the bishop's palace, where provision is making for his entertainment and housekeeping. It is said there is great impressing of men, and almost as great a number running away from them ; also that they are consulting about pulling down East and North-gate streets, the Cowlane, and the northern suberbs, which are almost half the city. They have likewise attempted to exact and settle an excise, which gives mighty offence, being almost double that settled by the Parliament. This has naturally caused a reaction amongst those who were most vehement in their cause, who now repine and murmer against them, thus supplying a good preparative for the welcoming thither of those who desired rather they should be reformed and reduced to the obedience of the King and Parliament than ruined and spoiled. When further occasion presents itself I shall make bold to enlarge my advertisement. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 162. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Kent. Upon serious consideration of the present state of our affairs we find it absolutely necessary that all possible means be used speedily to strengthen and recruit the forces under Sir Wm. Waller, as well with relation to the affairs of the west as to the security of these parts, in which respect we think it very unhappy that your Kentish horse upon any pretence should at this time be withdrawn. We have ever found you so ready to contribute to the public that we doubt not we shall still meet with the same disposition in you, and no means shall be wanting in us to further this work which we deem of so great importance. We have desired Sir Arthur

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Haselrigg and Sir H. Vane, junr., to repair to you, and acquaint you with the necessity of the speedy return of your horse to the service they were in, as also to give you satisfaction in the business which has fallen out concerning Sir Michael Livesey, whereby we hope all difficulties in this business will be removed and the public service advanced. Sent by Haselrigg and Vane. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 245, 246. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. We know your affection to the service and your diligence in it, and believe your proportion of the new levy is well advanced. We desire that they should march to Abingdon, which is the rendezvous for those forces. We have been urgent with all the places where those forces are to be raised, both within your Association and elsewhere, particularly Suffolk, and assure yourselves that your readiness herein shall difference you only in the thanks and honour, and not the burden of this service. Sent by Durand. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 246, 247. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge. The delay in levying the forces assigned by the ordinance of 12 July to Suffolk, and the discouragement it occasions, may endanger the loss of fair opportunities and the due prosecution of those designs which were laid with probability upon good intelligence to bring these unhappy troubles to a speedy end, these forces being intended for the taking in of Oxford, which we know is feasible enough, if this delay hinder it not. We desire you, therefore, with all speed to cause them to march to Abingdon, which is the rendezvous we have appointed for them in order to that service. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 247. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Suffolk at Bury [St. Edmuud's]. The fair opportunities in danger to be lost by the delay of the levies appointed by the ordinance of 12 July, and the discouragements that others receive by your slowness therein, causes us again to desire you to use all expedition for the march [of your forces]. The design they were intended for is of so great consequence to the finishing of the war, and for the present would so straiten their quarters and remove the enemy so much farther from your Association, that we need use no further or stronger arguments to excite you to it. The forces in other places had been in greater forwardness had they not been retarded by your delays. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 248. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. It is the desire of the Committee of the three cos. of Oxford, Berks., and Bucks., which they have represented to this Committee, that 1,000 foot of your forces should march to Banbury, and that Capt. [Purbeck] Temple's troop of horse and Capt. Aldriche's dragoons should march with them till they meet the forces expected from Northampton and Warwick for the service against Banbury. The horse and dragoons may then return and take up their quarters about Boarstall House, to hinder

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their fortifying and prevent the incursions of the enemy, which we having taken into consideration think fit should be put in execution. We therefore direct that with those troops you do march to Banbury, and take advantage of such occasion as shall offer, and that the horse and dragoons be employed as is desired. The Windsor foot, with such others as may be there above 1,000, shall be left at Reading till further order, and the three troops under Capts. Greenville, Tyrrell, and Ayscough may lie in Berks. during the absence of the other forces. Sent by Mr. Newman at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 248, 249. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 3. Derby House. The same to the Committees of Norfolk and Essex. We have received yours of the 26th present, and do much approve your care and diligence. When your forces can be ready let them march to Abingdon, the rendezvous for the forces of those parts, where they shall receive further orders. As to your fears of some hinderance which this may be to the Earl of Manchester's recruits, we doubt not but it will be so managed by your wisdoms, and the people so well satisfied of the necessity and consequence of them both for the speedy finishing of this war, that, though perhaps it will not be without some difficulty, yet, knowing you do consider and are well able to put a difference between the plunderings and spoils and violations of all sorts which they do suffer where the seat of war is, and those proportionable burdens which you bear both with your neighbour counties and among yourselves, we doubt not but you will with the same willingness as hitherto bear your proportion of this charge, rather than endanger the experience of what others suffer. Sent by Durand. [*Ibid., pp.* 249, 250. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 4. Gloucester. Col. Edward Massie to the Committee of both kingdoms. My last account was of the 24th ult., advertising your Honours what service was done by our slender forces to that time. Since then I drew my horse towards Berkeley upon advertisement of the of the advance of some forces by the passage of Aust out of Herefordshire and Wales, where Lord Herbert escaped us by scarcely half an hour, passing over ere our party could reach the passage. We faced Berkeley, who sent us a great shot or two, but [they] were not of their former boldness to fall out. This notice of our march, it seems, hastened Major-Genl. Wynn's resolutions for Gloucestershire, as you may perceive by the letters taken out of Mynn's pockets sent by our Committee here, [so] that I recalled and marched back with those troops to Gloucester, from whence I commanded about 220 musketeers and ordered 100 more to be drawn out of Tewkesbury to meet [me on] my march in order to oppose Mynn's army. My orders being given to the horse and foot officers concerning the march, suddenly a sad mischance befell between Major Hammond of my horse and Sergeant-Major Grey of the Earl of Stamford's regiment, who, falling out about some words passed before at a council of war, drew their swords, and Major Grey received his death wound by a thrust in the neck. This evil had like to have begotten a far greater, for our soldiers being then

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upon the march and under arms, understanding this news, turned back in full stream and prepared for a sudden revenge of Grey's blood upon the other, [so] that all the city and garrison were not far from an uproar, and this, as I conceive, helped forward by some of the officers of that regiment. Of this I shall speedily give your Lordships and the Parliament a further account. In the end I persuaded most of the soldiers to march with me as was needful, the enemy by that time being within three or four miles of our garrison for plundering and burning. After this sad business I found it necessary to set forward, although I could expect but little help from those discontented officers in that design. So that to command the foot I had but one of my own captains and the Earl of Stamford's captain-lieutenant, with a few other inferior officers; while I entrusted the horse, of which there were six troops, to the care of Captain Backhouse, Major Hammond being under restraint. On the 2nd inst., about 4 p.m., we set forward hoping to have met with the enemy that evening, but they evaded us and marched to Redmarley, while we came to Eldersfield seeking them, where we stayed two or three hours to refresh ourselves and horses after a tedious march, The next morning between six and seven we came up with the enemy, finding them drawn out and ordered in battalions, and their hedges lined with musketeers for our entertainment. Particulars of the engagement in which the troop of Col. [Edward] Harley especially distinguished itself. All our troops, both officers and soldiers, as also our foot, played their parts with much resolution and gallantry, so that we slew many of the enemy, about 100, and took Lieut.-Col. Passey, being wounded, a prisoner, Major John Buller, 7 captains, 3 lieutenants, 5 ensigns, and 12 sergeants, and about 300 soldiers prisoners. Some troops of horse advanced in the pursuit almost to Ledbury, five miles from the first place of our fight. Amongst the dead was Major-Genl. Mynn's body, which with all the rest [of the slain] on our return we found stripped naked. But by reason of a strong party of 200 horse and 600 foot from Worcester, appearing for to have joined with Mynn, we were enforced to leave the pursuit and looking after the dead bodies. Col. Wroughton, Lieut.-Col. Adams, Major [Sir John] Kyrle, and divers other officers escaped, some to the Worcester forces, others to Ledbury; these had not been left so had not our troops been exceedingly wearied and our soldiers in following the pursuit enfeebled for a fresh charge, and being in some confusion I thought better to make a fair securing of that victory, which God had given us, than to hazard the whole. Being unfitted to make a fresh assault upon a fresh enemy, I drew up my force upon Redmarley Green, securing our prisoners, and expecting there the charge of the fresh enemy from Worcester, if they had had sufficient courage to have attempted the same. But they fairly retreated to Ledbury, and myself, by reason of the great distraction in this garrison concerning Major Grey's death, marched my foot with me thence to Gloucester and the horse to their assigned quarters on that side the river. Our loss was the least that I have ever heard of, where the enemy stood so long and fired so much, and that by choice. Their

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troops too were old soldiers most of them, being, according to their officers' confessions, above 600 musketeers, besides pikes, and about 200 horse. We had only two or three slain, and four or five wounded. Col. Harley had a shot in the left arm, but carried himself with so much courage that he made no sign of any such thing, until I riding up to him, having passed the brunt [of the fight], he told me he could hold his bridle no longer, when I commanded him off the field to have his wound dressed, from which I hope there is no danger. Thus much is all the account I can at present give of our victory; God's hand being the more seen in it by how much our wants were great. As for Major Grey's business, when I have further examined the truth of all the passages I will, according to my duty, render an account of the same to your Lordship and the Parliament. P.S.—Upon the closing of this letter I received your pleasure concerning my lending to the Earl of Denbigh 300 musketeers for the present keeping by his Lordship of the garrison of Evesham. I acknowledge the thing to be of great concernment, and should have answered his desires upon receipt of his letters four or five days past, if there had been any possibility of the same; but, my Lords, I have a great charge and but a small strength to maintain it with. If your commands be that I must draw off from other garrisons and slight them, I shall obey, but to keep them and send 300 musketeers out of them, ere I have a return of my men from Sir Wm. Waller, I neither can nor will once promise. If I could have done so without hazard to this place I should not have drawn out so slender a number to have met with General Mynn and his forces, besides now my charge and guards must be augmented by reason of these prisoners, having no places of strength to put them in, so that I must strengthen myself, not grow less. In order that I may assist his Lordship with some musketeers I beg that mine may be recalled from Abingdon to Evesham, otherwise I assure you I cannot see any possibility of complying with his desire, as I gladly should, and hereunto I shall humbly expect your pleasure. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 148–152. *Copy.* 4⅔ *pp.*]

August 4. Lestithiell. [Lostwithiel.] The Lord General Essex to the same. After the relief of Plymouth, having no Committees sent down from the Parliament to advise us, what course we might take to be most beneficial for their service, we called a Council of War to consult about it; and by the persuasions of the western men, who assured us there was no other way of reducing the west to the obedience of the Parliament than by clearing of Cornwall, and their promise that we should not want victuals, and that a great part of the country [of Cornwall] stood well affected, we were induced to march to Bodmin. We now hear that three armies are marching against us from the east [under the commands] of the King, of the Palsgrave Maurice, and of [Lord] Hopton, while no body [of troops], so far as we can learn, are attending on them [from the Parliament]; and the country rising unanimously against us, with the exception of a few gentlemen, we must expect another army upon our backs from the

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west. This prospect, with the great necessity of the soldiers who want bread, has forced us to choose this place to make good [our hold] till we can be provided with victuals from Plymouth or hereabouts to enable us to march. Then we shall sell our lives at as dear a rate as may be, [for I have] never seen soldiers more willing to undertake anything nor to undergo wants with more patience. Here is a flying report in the country that Sir W. Waller should be advancing into these parts, but as I understood from your Lordship's letter of the 19th ult. that you had appointed him to send only a party, and that to advance no further than Dorchester, this makes us trust at present in nothing but God's blessing, the courage of our officers and soldiers, and our faithfulness to the cause. [*Ibid., pp.* 156, 157. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 5. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, reporter, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. Earl of Denbigh to confer with Sir W. Waller concerning the quartering of his troop of horse as near the enemy's quarters as may be, until their services be required. Also that Denbigh do instruct his officers not to bring the troop of Capt. John Marshall to Acton. 2. Major-Genl. Browne to attend in the afternoon. 3. That it be recommended to Sir Wm. Armyne and the rest of the Scottish Commissioners at Sunderland to restore to the owners the ship taken by the Irish and carried to Hartlepool. 4. That some [of the Committee] of the Militia be desired to be here in the afternoon. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. Warrant for two tun of match to be sent to Abingdou. 6. To acquaint the forces before Basing that this Committee is informed that the enemy within Basing House stand in great need of match. 7. To consider the letter from Pembrokeshire to-morrow. 8. To desire the Gloucestershire gentlemen to attend this Committee presently. 9. That the petition of the carters of Sir W. Waller's army be reported to the House [of Commons]. 10. That it be recommended to the Commons from this Committee that draught horses may be provided for Sir W. Waller's army. 11. That Major-Genl. Browne be commanded to go to Banbury with 1,000 foot, &c., according to the Committee's former order. 12. That Newbury be secured with some of the forces that are appointed to remain at Reading. 13. To write to the Earl of Manchester to gather his forces, and having joined with those of Lancashire, Cheshire, Nottingham, and Sir Thos. Middleton to follow Prince Rupert and fight with him if he can, and if the Prince should go into the west to follow him. 14. To write to the Lord General [Essex] that the Committee have received his propositions by Sir Ph. Stapleton and have them under consideration, also to acquaint him with the resolutions concerning the Earl of Manchester's forces, that Prince Rupert with part of his forces has marched this way, that he has sent other of his forces into Westmorland and Cumberland under Goring and Clavering, and that the Scottish army is marched northward, and to let him

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know of the party sent into the west. 15. To write to the Scottish army and Lord Fairfax acquainting them with the resolutions concerning the Earl of Manchester's forces, the state of the west, and the news from Ireland. 16. That Mr. [Edmund] Prideaux be desired to settle a post from London to York, and from thence to Berwick. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 143, 144.]

August 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Hampshire. We have received information that the garrison in Basing House is in great want of match, and therefore we conceive if you keep them in continued alarms they will not be able to hold out for want thereof. Signed by Lords Wm. Say and Sele and John Maitland, and sent by John Priestley, 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 250. *Copy*=$\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

August 5. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Armyne and the rest of the Commissioners of the Parliament at Sunderland. We are informed that the Edward of Ipswich, 190 tons, being lately on a voyage to Scotland, was chased and taken by a Flemish vessel manned with Irish rebels, but escaped in the night, and for safety ran ashore at Hartlepool, where it was seized on by the King's forces. The owner, who had previously lost a great part of his estate by the King's forces, is a man well affected to the cause of the kingdom. We therefore desire you to deliver the ship with her tackle and furniture to Mr. Lindsey, merchant, on his behalf. Signed as above, and given to the party concerned. [*Ibid., p.* 251. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

August 5. 79. Examination of Thomas Herbert, Esq., one of the Commissioners of Parliament attending the Earl of Essex's army. Concerning the sale of Segovia wool and other goods by Dr. Dorislaus, at Plymouth, on June 20 last, at prices greatly below their value; and the dispute between the Commissioners and Colonel Harvey, Capt. Potter, and others thereupon. [2 *pp.*]

[August 5.] 80. Answer of Dr. Isaac Dorisla, or Dorislaus, Judge Advocate of the Lord General's army, by whom the above sale was conducted. That in June last there were at Weymouth prize goods taken for the Parliament, but there being a question whether they were to be disposed of either by the Lord General or Lord Admiral, examinant had a joint commission from them both. On the same day he caused notice to be given of the sale to be in the Town Hall in Weymouth, at 4 p.m., but none offered to purchase the said goods, so that he caused them to be put up again the next day, and the Segovia wool was sold by candle-light at 4*l.* the cwt. to Major Manwaring. When informed of this sale, the Lords General and Admiral gave direction for voiding it, and the wool being put up again it fetched 4*l.* 2*s.* per cwt. The reason why no more was offered for the wool he conceives to be that it was aboard several ships at two miles from the shore, and was rumoured to be damaged by the salt-water. Col. Harvey and Capt. Potter being in some heat talking together about the sale of the Segovia wools he threatened to commit them both, fearing a breach of the peace, but

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denies that there was any practice to sell the wools at under-rates. He does not remember to have said that to give or ask an inventory was to make a division between the Lord General and the Parliament, but he could not give an inventory when demanded by Capt. Potter simply because he did not know the weight of the wool. [2 *pp.*]

[August 5.] 81. Rough notes on the above answer of Dr. Dorislaus. [4 *pp.*]

August $\frac{6}{16}$. Paris. 82. Henry Lord Jermyn to [Sir E. Nicholas ?]. I send you here enclosed the copy of my letter to the Prince of Orange, by which you will find as much as there is occasion to say of that matter, decipher it yourself by Hemphlit's cipher. I am at this instant returning to the Queen [of England], who I hope to find at Somurs [Sommieres] upon her way to Bourbon, where she will stay till the end of September. She will be received here with all the circumstances of honour, commodity, and contentment that her servants can wish; if it please God to give her health I hope this voyage will prove a fortunate counsel; we long extremely to hear from you; without doubt you are not so careful to send as you might be. I have been in my particular received with great civilities from the Queen [Regent] and Cardinal [Mazarin]. I had your letters by "La pinosiere" of the 19 of July from Bath, and sent the King [of England's] to the Queen [Henrietta Maria]. I have nothing to trouble the King with more than you will find in these two. I hope you have despatched those things I wrote to you of in my last. The Queen does not impair in her health, although she be not yet recovered. One thing I must recommend to you, Sir Richard Brown starves; it will be shameful in the Queen's presence to see him in the poverty he is. Pray speak to the King [that] he may have something sent him. I have not yet seen Lord Goring, he is with the Queen. This is all I have to say. God of Heaven keep you. P.S.—I have written by this occasion to nobody, nor had I time to do it. If Lord Percy and Jack Harvey be with you pray let them know it, and the Chancellor that I am his faithful servant. [*Endorsed:* "Mr. Jermyne." *Enclosed,*

82. 1. *Henry Lord Jermyn to the Prince of Orange. According to what I wrote to your Highness, which I hope you have received, the Queen* [*of England*] *has sent me hither to acquaint the Queen Regent* [*of France*] *of her arrival in France, and to agree what might belong to her abode here. I was withal commanded to make overture for some succour for England, which overture was grounded in manner and upon that ground, as your Highness has been told by Mr. Goff, omitting no particulars, whereby it might be brought to a good end, and induce Cardinal Mazarin to think that his interests might be furthered in this proposition, as well as ours. This overture has been made to him only and to the Queen Regent with most earnest instances, what opinion soever they might have of it, if nothing of what was desired, should be done, that all*

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might be kept secret, as for many reasons is most necessary The Duke of Orleans being not returned from the army has had as yet no knowledge of it, no more than the Prince of Condé. But the Cardinal [Mazarin] answered, that they must be spoken unto, when this affair should come to be treated of. Now, not to be too long, your Highness is to understand that I find that the Cardinal's answer concludes thus much. That until they see the end of this campaign it is impossible to resolve aught about this matter; yet that so much assurance might be taken for the Queen of England, as much as the affairs of France can permit, that the Queen may be sure England shall be vigorously assisted by France, but for this present they could take no other resolution. Upon this it hath been represented, unless they would and did not presently think on some preparations, it would not be possible for us to get the desired fruit thereof at the end of this summer campaign; because all the power both of France and England could not bring to effect the transportation of forces without the ships of the States General, and therefore to be assured thereof, it was needful to take a present resolution; otherwise the proposition to get them would come too late, if France would but then grant our desires. The Cardinal's answer was, we might think on it, but he could give no assurance; yet he told me withal, it might happen that before this campaign ended, some occasion might offer itself to take this business again into consideration, and that the conjunctures might perhaps yield better expedients to bring it to a good conclusion than yet did appear. Now I will tell your Highness mine own opinion. I believe they are here well disposed to help and assist us, but their own affairs do not yet suffer it. The manner they have kept in the Queen [of England's] reception and for her maintenance is a token of it. They have shown great care to procure thereby both her honour, commodity, and contentment; and we may hope the inclinations which the Queen Regent and the Cardinal did show to have to cherish and comfort the Queen of England may, by her behaviour, increase the same, and induce them to see that she is most capable to receive considerable succours for the affairs of England. This day I am going from Paris to the Queen at Bourbon, where she intends to remain till the end of September, and from thence, as far as her health shall permit, she will take further resolutions for her future abode, wherein she hath as yet nothing resolved. I must here mark one thing to your Highness which is a misfortune in this business. Your Highness doth so much for France that there remains too little on their part to desire of you. This must be remedied, and a means be found that henceforth France may have recourse to us for a part of what

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they need from your Highness and the States General, else we shall be bereaved of the most powerful reason to induce and bring them to grant our desires. And if upon this ground the business miscarry, and if by these means and by no other we obtain that France do meddle with our affairs, yet I do not believe but that we may still think well of the proposition of marriage, because, though France should do nothing, and the Queen's presence likewise should make the other part of the proposition touching the truce unpracticable, yet it will still depend on your Highness and on the States General to accompany the marriage with profits so considerable [as] to make it to be desired as well upon those grounds as of their Majesties' inclinations. But to this end your Highness must enter into a true knowledge of our affairs, and must begin to think on what in all appearance may bring us through; and to resolve yourself not to use only ordinary means, but to use all other whereof we may stand in need. I speak in too general terms, but I expect till I see somewhat more here before I can do otherwise, from time to time I shall have means to impart to your Highness news of the Queen and to receive your answers. All which being directed to Mons. Zulicom they will come to my hands. [Endorsed: "*Translation of a letter written from the Lord Jermyn to the Prince of Orange, whereof a copy was sent from France to the Court of England and intercepted, &c.*" $\frac{6}{16}$ *Aug.* 1644. *Copy in cipher in French Correspondence.* 2 *pp.*]

August 6. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor St. John, reporter, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the papers taken at Greenevile [Greenfield] House [in Oxfordshire] be submitted to Mr. [F.] Rous, to report upon. 2. That a copy of Sir W. Brereton's letter to this Committee be sent to the Earl of Manchester. 3. That the care of shutting up the ports to prevent the supply of ammunition to Prince Rupert be commended to the Committee of the Navy, and to desire them to certify this Committee in what manner the shipping is employed in those seas. 4. Lord Say to speak to the Earl of Denbigh to be at this Committee to-morrow afternoon. 5. That the Committee of the Militia be desired to lend 1,000 spades and shovels and 500 pickaxes for the fortifying of Abingdon. 6. To report to the Commons the necessity of providing money for Sir W. Waller, who is to furnish an extract of the reasons. 7. That Lord Say do speak with the Committee of the three cos. [Oxon., Berks., and Bucks.], to send a Committee to Abingdon, to receive such contributions and horses for the recruiting of Sir W. Waller's army out of those parts that are made good about Oxford by his army as shall be agreed upon by Sir Wm. and the

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said Committee. 8. That there be sufficient horse at Abingdon under Sir W. Waller to block up Oxford. 9. That a letter be written to the Committee at Basing, that Capt. Morley's troop being a part of Lieut.-Genl. Middleton's regiment, the direction thereof must be left to Sir W. Waller. 10. That letters be written to the several Committees of the Eastern Association, to collect all the money they can and send it to the Earl of Manchester speedily. 11. Whereas there was a petition presented to the House of Commons by the Ward of Bread-street, London, praying that Col. West might continue their colonel, who had formerly been their captain, and who (as lieut.-col. to Col. Adams) commanded the Blue regiment of the trained bands of London (whereof petitioners are a part) in the expedition to Gloucester and battle of Newbury, where for his good service he was made colonel by commission from the Lord General Essex; and also that some of their company who had been imprisoned by the Committee of the Militia might be enlarged, which petition was by order of the House of Commons of 24 June last referred to this Committee, where the subject having been considered, this Committee is of opinion that Alderman Adams is in point of right colonel of the said regiment by the authority of the Committee of Militia of the City of London, who derive their authority from both Houses of Parliament. And for a final composing of the difference between them we have this day ordered that Colonel West be recommended to the Houses to be preferred to some place worthy his merit, both for honour and profit, and that the Company do obey such captains as the Militia do appoint. Also that the Committee of the Militia be desired to enlarge the persons committed, who are to give obedience for the future. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 144–146.]

August 6. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. In my march from York towards Lincoln I was earnestly entreated by divers in those parts of Yorkshire about Sheffield that I would consider of the great spoil that the garrison in Sheffield did to the surrounding country and the consequence of the place, in regard of the great commodity of iron wares vented there. I was further moved by the Committee and gentlemen of Nottingham for the reducing of the garrison in Welbeck to the obedience of the Parliament, because it was a great annoyance to those parts. Whereupon I resolved to go myself with a great part of my forces to Welbeck, and to send Major-General Crawford with the rest to Sheffield. Upon my coming near Welbeck, I sent a summons to the place, and they with great civility sent to parley with me. The next day, Friday, they rendered the house to me upon composition. I was willing to give them the larger terms, because I was not in a condition to besiege a place so well fortified as that was. I therefore gave the officers and soldiers liberty to march out with all their arms and colours flying; but when I came to take possession of the house most of the soldiers came to me to lay down their arms, desiring tickets of me to return to their own homes, the which I granted them, so as I had 350 muskets in the house, 50 horse

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arms, 11 pieces of cannon great and small, whereof the Governor had liberty to carry away one; I had likewise 20 barrels of gunpowder and a tun of match. The house I preserved entire, and put a garrison into it of Notts.' men, until I know your Lordships' resolutions whether you will have it slighted or no. The place is very regularly fortified; and the Marquis of Newcastle's daughters and the rest of his children and family are in it, unto whom I have engaged myself for their quiet abode there, and to intercede to the Parliament for a complete maintenance for them; in the which I shall beseech your Lordships that they may have your favour and furtherance. I am now myself come to Lincoln, and those forces that were with me I have quartered about Gainsborough and those places, that I may give them some refreshing after the great hardships they have endured. I expected here to have found the recruits for this army, according to the frequent and earnest letters I have written to the Committees of these Associated counties; but all the return I have is your letters pressing them to raise and set forth a new force both of horse and foot under other commanders, which it seems are already chosen. This puts me into an unserviceable condition, and therefore I desire to know what your Lordships' intentions are in the disposing of these forces, and I shall readily obey your commands. If you please to have me to deliver over the remainder of this force I now have into the hands of those colonels and captains who are chosen, to help to supply the army that is now to be raised; I shall very readily obey your order. If your intentions be to dispose of these forces otherwise, I will with all care observe your commands. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 4–7. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 157, 158. *Copy.* 1¾ *p.*]

August 6. Oswestry. Sir Thos. Middleton to the same. Upon intelligence that Sir Thos. Dallison was quartered with 8 of Prince Rupert's best troops of horse in and about Welshpool in Montgomeryshire, being sent there expressly by the Prince to prevent the well-affected in that county from joining with me in the present service, and for raising of men for himself, I last Sunday evening advanced from Oswestry towards Welshpool, about 12 miles, accompanied by my brother[-in-law] Col. Thos. Mitton, our horse and dragoons consisting of about 300, and our foot 250. After a tedious march we came on Monday morning within ¼ mile of Pool, before we were discovered, and then meeting their scouts, who fired upon us, the van of our horse followed them so closely that they had not time to put up their barricades, and so we entered the town with them; but by reason of the darkness and of our ignorance of the passages between the town and Lord Powis' castle, wherein was a garrison of the enemy, Sir Thos. Dallison, with many of his officers and troops, escaped thither, being not above a quarter of a mile distant. Although we missed capturing Dallison, who was Major of Prince Rupert's horse, we took three of his captains, Grace, Dutton, and one other, who would not divulge his name, besides 2 cornets, and 50 odd prisoners. We also took there above 200 horse, with some arms and two colours. We received little opposition in the town, but

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after three hours' stay I withdrew the force of horse and foot, lest the soldiers in the out-quarters and castle should make an attack on us. We then retreated safely into Oswestry with the loss of only one man on our side, and of the Prince's cornet who refused quarter and some few of the enemy's side. We live daily in expectation of the coming hitherwards of the promised forces from the body of the northern army to assist and join with us against the potency of the enemy's army. Prince Rupert has returned out of Lancashire into Cheshire with a great force of horse, which he quarters in Wales, and thereby overpowers all those parts. We believe he intends to make this the seat of war, devastating the country by the rapines, plunderings, and cruelties frequently used and committed by his forces, which he daily labours to recruit here. [*Ibid., pp.* 159, 160. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

August 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have taken into consideration the necessity of hindering the recruits of Prince Rupert and breaking up his army if it be possible. To that end we desire you to gather your forces together, and having joined them with those of cos. Notts., Derby, and Lancaster, and the forces of Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir Thos. Middleton, to all of whom we have written to receive your orders, to march towards Prince Rupert and attend his movements. You are to follow him which way soever he shall go and secure any advantages that may be offered. As to the arrears from the Association we have written to the several counties to forward the money to you with all expedition, and have reported the matter to the House [of Commons] that it may also use means to the counties for expediting thereof. We have your recruits in consideration, and hope to give you good satisfaction, holding that the ordinance is rather to your advantage. For Lincolnshire, it is without the ordinance, so you may do there what you think fit. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Potter at night. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd. N. S., xii., pp.* 4, 5. *Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 251, 252. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 6. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Estates of Scotland and the Earl of Leven. Upon notice given us by the Earl of Manchester that Prince Rupert had sent some of his forces into Westmorland and Cumberland, and that your army had marched northward, while the Prince with the rest of his forces was marched over at Haile-ford [Haleford] and come into Cheshire, intending southward, we have given order to the Earl of Manchester with his own army and the forces of Notts., Derby, Cheshire, and Lancashire to attend the Prince's movements, and to follow him which way soever he shall take. Lord [Earl of] Inchequin, [Roger Boyle] Lord Broghill, and the Protestants in Munster, Ireland, have declared against the peace and cessation [of arms] in Ireland, and intended upon Friday was sennight to expel the Popish party out of Youghal, Cork, Kinsale and Bandon-bridge, with all which they have acquainted the Houses [of Parliament] by Sir Thos. Wharton, and letters under their own hands desiring assistance and supply from the Parliament. Capt. Moulton has sent ships to those parts for their assistance and

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some barks with provisions. The Earl of Essex, with his forces, has advanced to Bodmin, in Cornwall, where he has dispersed the forces of Sir Rich. Greenvile and made some of them to fly to Penrhyn, St. Michael's Mount, Launceston, Saltash, and Foy, thus securing good store of ammunition and other provisions. Divers gentlemen of the country came in to his Lordship, and as we are informed by letters from the Lord Admiral, there came lately 1,500 foot with some troops of horse well armed. The King's forces and Prince Maurice have joined about Exeter, and we have sent a party of 2,000 horse and dragoons of Sir W. Waller's into Dorsetshire and those parts, the rest of his forces continue about Abingdon to block up Oxford, so far as may be, till the forces of the Associated counties that are levying upon the new ordinance shall come together. We have given order for settling a post between this and York and from thence to Berwick, wherein we desire your assistance, wishing also to hear frequently from you of your proceedings upon all occasions. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 252–254. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

August 6. The like letter to Thos. Lord Fairfax, *mutatis mutandis*, except at the beginning of the letter for "your army," read "Scottish army." [*Ibid., p.* 254. *Minute.* 2 *lines.*]

August 7. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir Wm. Waller, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee of Estates in the Scottish army approving of their resolutions at Ferrybridge [near Pontefract], and to give them notice of the orders given to the Earl of Manchester. 2. That Mr. Prideaux be desired to give order to the postmasters upon the road to run with all such packets as thay shall receive from this Committee, as also those signed by the Earl of Leven, General of the Scottish forces, the Earl of Lindsay, or the President of the Committee of the Estates of Scotland residing with the army now in England, and by the Commissioners of Scotland here [in London]. Afternoon.—Ordered, 3. To inform the Earl of Manchester that, according to our last letter, we have moved the Commons that the ordinance should rather further his recruiting than otherwise, to which end they have made an order, whereof we send him a copy. 4. To urge the like on the Committee of the Association at Cambridge, who will see by the enclosed order of the House what they have to do. 5. That it be reported to the Commons' House that 1,800 foot may be sent to recruit Manchester's forces out of the forces to be levied upon the Association by the new ordinance. 6. That the regiments of Essex, Herts., and Suffolk or Norfolk shall be those employed according to the ordinance, if the House think fit. 7. That it be referred to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge to proportion the charge to the counties, if the House think so fit. 8. That it be reported to the Commons that this Committee will speedily take into consideration the

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disposing of the forces of Sir Wm. Waller's Association and of the other counties, and give the House an account thereof. 9. That the letter from Lieut.-Genl. Middleton to Sir Wm. Waller be reported to the House, and that one be appointed to attend at the door of the Commons' House with the copes, hangings, and plate sent from Salisbury to show them to the House, if they shall be pleased to call for them. 10. That the disposing of the forces of Waller's Association and of the other counties be taken into consideration to-morrow morning. 11. That it be reported to both Houses that, when Manchester or Waller are by command out of their Associations, they shall have command and power in chief over their own respective forces within any Association where they shall come, and shall be liable to the commands of none but the Houses [and] the Committee of both kingdoms, except they be joined with the Lord General's army. 11. That the Committee of the Militia be quickened in the raising of 500 men for Col. Beale, Lieut.-Col. Carter, and the rest, according to the order of both Houses of July last. 13. That some of the Committee of Adventurers be desired to be here to-morrow morning to speak with this Committee about the business of Ireland. 14. To write to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge, enclosing the orders of both Houses, and leaving it to them to order those forces out of Suffolk and Norfolk as they shall think fit. 15. That the two letters of the Earl of Bristol and Sir John Berkeley, together with the protestation, all of which were taken at Greenvile [Greenfield] House, be reported to the Houses of Parliament. 16. That a copy of the paper given in by Sir Samuel Rolles be sent to Lord General [Essex], and that he be acquainted that this Committee would not report the same to the House [of Commons] in respect it doth concern Sir Wm. Balfour, one of his chief officers, who has well deserved of the State, till his Lordship were acquainted therewith, and to desire him to send the copies of Sir William's letters to Sir John Berkeley and the latter's to him, as also his knowledge touching what is in the enclosed paper. 17. That Sir Samuel Rolles be acquainted with these resolutions. 18. That a warrant be issued for 20 barrels of gunpowder, and two vats of match for the service of Boarstall House. 19. That a sub-committee, comprising Earl of Northumberland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, and Mr. Crew, be appointed to meet upon Saturday morning and consider the ordinance concerning the reprisal of Strangers' ships, and report to this Committee. 20. That the business of the Merchant Adventurers be referred to the same Sub-Committee. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 146–148.]

August 7. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Hampshire. In yours of the 5th you give notice of an order for commanding away from you [at Basing House] Capt. Morley's troop. We remember the assurance given by us concerning the drawing away of your forces, but we understand that Capt. Morley's troop is part of Lieut.-General Middleton's regiment, and therefore leave

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the same to the directions of Sir W. Waller. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by a commander who went thither. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 254. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge. We are informed that there is a great part of their pay in arrear to the forces of the Association with the Earl of Manchester, the want whereof is an hinderance to the execution of those orders which we have given them, wherein both the public safety and your own is so nearly concerned. We cannot but be sensible of their wants, who have deserved so well and upon whom there yet rests so considerable service to be done. We desire that their arrears may be sent with all expedition wherever they shall be, that they may neither be hindered nor discouraged from prosecuting such work as may much conduce to the finishing of these unhappy troubles if the opportunities now offered be not neglected. We do not know whether the defects be in all or only some particular counties, but wherever they be we pray you take care that there be a supply forthcoming. We will not accuse your good affection by using any further argument to give them their due, by whose endeavours you enjoy so much security. Signed as above, and sent by James the running post, for Cambridge. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 254, 255. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Brereton. Since our last directions to you the state of things has altered by Prince Rupert's march, with part of his forces into Cheshire, and [the other] part northward under Goring, Clavering, and Montrose. The armies in the north thereupon divided, the Scottish marching northward for the security of those parts and to intend the taking in of Newcastle, the Earl of Manchester with his forces is marched southward, to whom we have written that taking with him all those that can be spared from cos. Notts., Derby, and Lancashire, together with all yours and Sir Thos. Middleton's, he is to wait upon Prince Rupert, following him wherever he goes in order to seize all advantages against him. We desire you to join all your forces with the Earl of Manchester's, and receive his orders. The seat of war being with you, we need use no other argument for your effectual compliance herewith, your own safety and your country being concerned in it. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. George Parker at 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 255, 256. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

August 7. The like to Sir Thos. Middleton, *mutatis mutandis*. [*Ibid.*, *Minute.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Lancashire. Since our last direction we hear that Prince Rupert has left your country, and is endeavouring [to raise] great recruits in Cheshire. To prevent which and wholly to break that army if it be possible, we have directed the Earl of Manchester with the forces here specified to march towards him. We desire you to add all your forces to his

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and obey his orders, so that [the Prince] may be reduced to a condition unable to return to you, or to make any further spoils in other parts. The Scottish army is gone northwards against those of the Prince's army under Goring, who went into Westmorland and Cumberland. We doubt not but you will now make use of this opportunity to provide for your future security, these forces being broken there are none which are likely further to interrupt it. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 256, 257. *Copy*= ¾ *p.*]

August 7. DerbyHouse. The same to the Committees at Derby and at Nottingham, We have taken into consideration the necessity of hindering the recruits of Prince Rupert, and to break up his army if possible. To that purpose we have written to the Earl of Manchester to march toward the Prince with all his army, taking with him the forces here mentioned, together with those that you can spare; these are to repair to such rendezvous as he shall appoint, and obey such orders as they shall receive from him. The effectual prosecution of this service is of such concernment, both to a speedy ending of these troubles, and in the meantime will so far secure your country, that we believe you will readily comply herewith, there being nothing where you can more directly serve both your own and the common interest. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p* 257. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. In our last we assured you that we would have care for your recruits, and that we hoped the new ordinance would rather be to the advantage of your recruits than otherwise, accordingly we have reported it to the Houses, who have agreed that 1,800 foot be sent for recruiting your army out of the forces to be levied upon the new ordinance within the Association. Signed as above, and sent by the post. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 7. *Ibid., pp.* 258, 259. *Copy*½ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge. The great necessity of recruiting the Earl of Manchester's army causes us again to recommend it to you, and the more to expedite it we have moved the Houses, who have ordered as you see by the enclosed order. We desire you, being on the spot, to consider the matter and order those forces out of either Suffolk or Norfolk as you see best. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 259. *Copy*=⅓ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House, The same to the Committee of the Estates of Scotland and the Earl of Leven. We have received yours from Ferrybridge [in Yorkshire] of the 30th July, with the paper enclosed of your resolution taken at your Council and consultation there had, which we altogether approve of. We shall not need to recommend to you the effectual prosecution of all opportunities which we know you will be vigilant to observe and improve. We have given direction

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to the Earl of Manchester with all his forces, including those from cos. Notts., Derby, Lancashire, and Cheshire, and Sir Thos. Middleton's to follow the movements of Prince Rupert and take all advantages against him. The posts are settled to Berwick, and order taken that all packets shall run that are signed by the Earl of Leven or Lord Lindsay to the Scottish Commissioners, or by them to you. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 259, 260. *Copy*= $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Reading. There are certain provisions sent by Sir Wm. Waller to Reading to be conveyed thence by land to Abingdon. We desire you to take order for carriages for that purpose, which will promote the business of the three counties. Signed as above, and sent by Sir William's agent. [*Ibid., p.* 260. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to Philip Earl of Pembroke, or in his absence to his Deputy Vice-Admiral in Hampshire. We desire you, by virtue of the order inclosed, to command the present discharge and release of the two French barks therein mentioned. Signed as above, and sent by the French merchant. [*Ibid., p.* 261. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

August 7. Derby House. The same to the [Earl of Warwick] Lord Admiral. The bearers hereof [Col. Beale] have undertaken a design for the service of the Parliament with our knowledge and approval. They are now ready to set sail in the prosecution thereof, and we desire that should they pass your way they may not be stayed on their voyage, but have all the encouragement in the prosecution thereof that you can give them. Signed as above, and three copies given to Col. Beale and his captains. [*Ibid., pp.* 262, 263. *Copy*=$\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

August 8. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. Warrant for 30 pair of pistols for Sir Samuel Luke's troop of horse. 2. To write to Sir John Norwich to march with his horse to Abingdon. 3. The secretaries are not to deliver any papers or letters to members of this Committee nor to others without order. 4. To write to the Earl of Manchester that in respect he is to have 1,800 men of the new levies within the Association, he take no more recruits out of Essex than necessity requires. 5. To write to the Committee of Chelmsford noticing their good affection [to the cause], and forwarding the orders of the Commons. Likewise signifying that this Committee has written to the Earl of Manchester about the recruits, and approving the selection of Major Moore, also to desire them to certify this Committee in what forwardness they are. 6. Warrant for delivery of 40 barrels of gunpowder to Thos. Wright for the use of Major-Genl. Browne, likewise 30 barrels of musket bullet, 50 round shot for 1 demi-cannon, 2 whole culverins, 2 sacres, 2 drakes, and 1 sacre cut. 7. That the Kentish horse be commanded to march to

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Abingdon. 8. That Sir John Norwich do attend this afternoon. 9. That the Committee of Adventurers for lands in Ireland be desired to be here this afternoon. 10. To write to the Committee of Kent for a troop of horse, company of dragoons, and regiment of foot to march to Abingdon. 11. That the business of the Commissioners spoken of by Sir W. Waller be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. Afternoon.—Ordered, 12. That Sir John Norwich, with his three troops of horse, do march to the Earl of Manchester. 13. That the Pembrokeshire propositions be reported to the Commons, with the opinion of this Committee that it is fit they be supplied, and a letter as desired be sent to the gentlemen of that county. 14. That the business of Munster [Ireland] be taken into consideration at 8 a.m., when the Adventurers [for lands in Ireland] to be here. 15. That some of this Committee do represent to the Committee of the West the doubts that arise about the list given in by them, and to inform them that such letters as they may write will be forwarded by this Committee to the several places. Mr. Pierrepont and Sir Ph. Stapleton are desired to go. 16. That the Committee of Herts. be desired to send their forces speedily to Abingdon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 148, 149.]

August 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Essex. We have received yours wherein you still manifest your good affection to the public and your care to get ready your regiment. We desire you to expedite them and cause them with your horse and dragoons to march to the rendezvous at Abingdon, at the same time certifying us what proportion of each are now ready. As for the Earl of Manchester's recruits, considering the difficulties of it, care has been taken that a supply of 1,800 men to be taken out of the late ordinance, be raised in the several counties of the Association, as you will see by the enclosed order. We have written to the Earl so to order his sending for recruits as we doubt not but will be to your satisfaction. We have considered your request, and approve of Major Moore being major of your regiment. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Major Moore. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 258. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

August 8. Derby House. The same to Sir John Norwich. We have appointed all the horse under your command to go to Abingdon, whither you are to march with them and there receive your orders from Sir W. Waller. Signed as above, and given to Sir John. [*Ibid., p.* 261. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

August 8. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. The late danger of losing Abingdon with the ordnance there for want of horse, and the missing of the opportunity then against the enemy, require a speedy supply of force. We desire that your horse may return thither by Sunday night. The consequence of the service is so great both in itself and also in order to all other designs, that we earnestly recommend it to you. We desire to be assured of their march by this bearer, the business being of so great consequence. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Newman at 2 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 262. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

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August 8. Derby House. The same to Gabriel Barbor and the rest of the Committee of Herts. The consequence of the service to be performed by the new levies, and the disappointment of our designs by their slow advancing, makes us again urge the present marching of your forces, as we are informed they are now ready. We desire they may forthwith march to Abingdon so as to be there by Sunday night, leaving the rest to complete that regiment to be sent on afterwards. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid., p.* 265. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 9. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir W. Waller, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a copy of the letter to the Committee of Essex be sent to the Earl of Manchester. 2. That Col. Stapeley do attend in the afternoon. 3. Likewise the Kentish gentlemen. 4. That it be reported to the Commons' House that some forces are to be drawn out of the garrisons, and others not of the Associations are to be employed in this western expedition; that therefore the House would take it into consideration and give orders how they are to be paid. 5. That it be reported to both Houses that a pass may be granted to George Abernethy to go into the King's quarters to Sir Robert Spottiswood about a particular business of the Marquis of Argyle. Afternoon.—Ordered, 6. That the money for the Lord General [Essex] be delivered to Capt. Swanley to be conveyed by sea. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 149, 150.]

August 9. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We have received your propositions by Sir Philip Stapleton, which we are considering, and will advise you of the result. For the state of the forces of these parts they stand thus:—Prince Rupert has divided his forces which were in Lancashire, and with the best of his horse passed over into Cheshire at Hale ford upon Wednesday the 24th July. His foot and dragoons were conveyed over in boats in several days from Liverpool into Cheshire. The rest of his horse under Goring, Clavering, and Montrose are gone into Westmorland and Cumberland. The armies in the north have thereupon divided themselves, the Scottish marching northward for the security of those counties against the forces with Goring and that company, and to intend the taking in of Newcastle, and the Earl of Manchester southward, to whom we have given order with all his forces and those here named to follow Prince Rupert wherever he shall go, in order to hinder his recruiting and to watch all advantages against him. We have also sent a party of 2,000 horse and dragoons from Sir W. Waller into the west as far as Dorchester, which is all that could be done in the present state of his forces. The rest of them are about Abingdon fortifying that town. The Governor of Gloucester [Col. Massie] advertises this Committee that he had defeated a great party of Col. Mynn's forces at a place called Ridmerly [Redmarley] upon the edge of Worcestershire, where Mynn was slain, Lieut.-Col. Passey and other officers made prisoners,

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besides 100 men slain, 300 taken, and many wounded who were let go. Col. Middleton informs that [blank] was going against Dorchester where he found Col. Sydenham in so good a posture that he made no further attempt, but retired to Shaftesbury, whither Middleton is following him if he tarries for him. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Hanbury at 2 p.m. [*Interregnum 18 E., pp.* 263, 264. *Copy.* 1½ *pp.*]

August 9. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We sent you yesterday the orders of the Houses appointing 1,800 foot for recruiting your forces out of the new levies to be raised within your Association under the new ordinance. The Committee of Essex desire that the recruits required of them by you may be respited for some time until the forces they are now levying be first raised. We therefore desire you not to take more recruits from them than necessity shall require, considering an entire regiment is to be raised out of that county under the new ordinance. Signed as above and sent by Rowland Faukeard at 2 p.m. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 8. *Ibid., p.* 266. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 9. Derby House. The same to the garrison at Lyme Regis. The whole of the King's strength in the south being drawn together into the west not far from the Lord General, the country there does not dare to appear for him by reason of the presence of the King's forces. We therefore hold it necessary that a sufficient force should march to his assistance to prevent all ill accidents, to which end we have ordered diverse forces to be made ready to receive our further commands for their rendezvous. Among them we require 300 foot of your garrison of Lyme, or more if they can be spared, to be made ready for that purpose. This business not admitting of delay we doubt not of your compliance with our desires. Signed as above, and sent by Crips at 2 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 267. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 9. Derby House. The same to the Governor of Weymouth and to the Committee at Dorchester. The commencement same as the preceding. Among them we require that the City of London regiment may be prepared, and with such other forces as you can spare to march under a Commander-in-Chief to be appointed by us. This service is of so great concernment that we doubt not of your care and diligence herein. Sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 267. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 9. Derby House. The same to Capt. Pyne. The preamble same as above. Among them we require that your troop be made ready for that service. As this service will not admit of delay we confide in your care and diligence herein. Sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 268. *Minute.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 9. Derby House. The same to Sir Henry Rusgell [Roswell] and Capt. Fry. Same preamble. Among them we desire you to use your utmost endeavour to raise what force you can both of horse and foot, care being taken for arming them. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Minute.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 10. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton Sir Ph.

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Stapleton, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be recommended to the Committee of the Navy to pay Capt. Swanley the salaries due to him and so hasten his despatch. 2. That Capt. Swanley be desired not to stay here upon the payment of his arrears. 3. That a sub-committee, consisting of Sir Ph. Stapleton and Mr. Recorder, be appointed to consider of sending provisions to the Lord General's army. 4. That some of the Committee of the Navy and Commissary Bond do speak with this sub-committee. 5. That some of the Militia be desired to attend here. 5. That the garrison of Aylesbury be required to march immediately to Abingdon, and Major-General Browne to Aylesbury; and that the Committee of Haberdashers' Hall be desired to lend this Committee for a present service 3,000*l.* 7. That 2,000*l.* of the 20,000*l.* provided for the Lord General's army be bestowed on biscuit, cheese, and oats, and that Mr. Vassall, Mr. Rowles, and Mr. Pence be desired to make those provisions and [provide] a ship to carry them. 8. That Col. Martin shall return to Aylesbury after the performance of this service. 9. That Lord Wharton be desired to write to the Governor to expedite this service. 10. To write to the Commander-in-Chief of the Herts.' forces at Aylesbury to join in this service. 11. That it be reported to the House that 1,200 muskets and firelocks and 300 pikes [are required], whereof 500 firelocks and snaphance muskets and 1,500 spare swords and belts and 200 barrels of gunpowder, with a double proportion of match and lead, may be delivered out of the magazines for service in Munster, besides 200 horse arms, saddles, and furnitures, shot for cannon, demi-culverin, sakers, and drakes. 12. That it be recommended to the [Commons] House to give order that the Committee of Adventurers [for lands in Ireland] do meet every day till some settlement be given to the business. 13. That the delivery of these arms and ammunition be expedited so that Capt. Swanley be not retarded thereby. 14. That it be recommended by the Commons House to the [Irish] Adventurers to think of ways and means for the supply and relief of the Protestants in Munster, and that it be declared publicly in all the churches of London and Westminster, and within the line of communication and bills of mortality the next Lord's day. That the whole body of the Adventurers meet on Monday morning next at Grocers' Hall to consider of such things as may by them be propounded fit to forward this work. Also that the letters and declaration sent to the Houses of Parliament by Lord Inchiquin and the rest of the commanders be publicly read, and the ministers thereupon directed to stir up and move the people freely to "extend themselves" [contribute] now upon this opportunity. 15. That for raising of men speedily for this service the Houses of Parliament would be pleased to grant a press. 16. That the business of the Governor of Munster be taken into consideration on Monday. 17. To write to the Committee of Herts. requiring them to send such forces as are ready, though but two or three companies, presently to Amersham [Bucks], and to advertise this Committee when on the march that they may

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receive further orders. 18. That the 100 arms and two pair of pistols desired by the Committe of Herts. be lent to them. 19. That the propositions for South Wales be expedited, in order that Captain Swanley may be despatched. 20. That it be reported to the House [of Commons], that by treaty between these kingdoms and the Governments of France, Spain, and the States General [of the United Provinces] free trade is approved and accorded mutually in all parts among the subjects. 21. That without breach of the treaties strangers cannot be hindered in the trade of free goods with this kingdom. 22. This Committee recommends it to [the consideration of] the Houses that an explanation be made [stating] that the ordinance for taking ships shall only extend to foreigners that colour the goods of English merchants and to the subjects of this kingdom. 23. That notice of the explanation be given to the ambassadors, residents and agents of France, Spain, and the States General, as also to the Lord Admiral. 24. That a sub-committee be appointed to prepare the directions for Aylesbury and Major-General Browne. Afternoon.—Ordered, 25. That the Earl of Denbigh be desired [to see] that Capt. Marshall's troop and the rest of the forces that came up with his Lordship do forthwith march into his own Association or into some place within the King's quarters. By the way they are to quarter in inns and pay for what they take. 26. That a letter be sent to Major-General Browne, and in his absence to the officer commanding in chief at Reading to send a convoy with such of the Committee and sub-committee of the Militia as are going to Abingdon and for convoy of the money; likewise to desire him to acquaint this Committee so soon as he is upon his way to Aylesbury. 27. To acquaint Sir James Harrington and the other commanders of the City forces that notwithstanding a former order this Committee finds it necessary that they stay a fortnight longer, and for their better encouragement 2,000*l.* will be sent speedily. 28. That the money to be sent to Abingdon for payment of Sir James Harrington's brigade shall not be paid until Thursday next [so] that the rest of the money be brought thither. 29. To write to Mr. Ball to go to Abingdon and use his best endeavours for continuance of the City forces there, till the new forces arrive, and to show him the necessity thereof. 30. To acquaint the Lord General [Essex] that Capt. Swanley was to convey to him by ship 2,000*l.* worth of provisions, butter, cheese, and oats, with the rest of the 20,000*l.*, and that Col. Middleton is also sent westward with a party. 31. To write to the Earl of Manchester. 32. That Sir W. Waller be desired to maintain Abingdon with the forces that are there, and to hasten the fortifications. 33. That Sir W. Waller's business be taken into consideration on Monday morning, and Sir Wm. Brereton's in the afternoon. 34. To write to the Committee of Wem concerning the business of the Earl of Denbigh. 35. That Mr. Frost do send the 300*l.* he received from Haberdashers' Hall to the Governor of Aylesbury to be distributed amongst that garrison. 36. That it be reported to the Commons House that 300*l.* of the 1,000*l.* promised to the Earl of Denbigh

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may be paid, and that 200 pair of pistols be delivered him, that his horse may be made use of for the public service. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp.* 150–153.]

August 10. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received your letter yesterday, by which your commands were, that I should gather what force I could and march towards Prince Rupert, and to attend his movements and follow him which way soever he shall go. This appeared to me so large a commission and a work so difficult, considering the weak condition of the forces which are here with me, who are now under great indispositions and infections, that upon receipt of your order I assembled such of my chief officers as were here to consult which way I might serve you best according to your commands. And from them I received this enclosed paper, which I submit to your Lordships as the result of our debate here, which I doubt not but will carry more weight and receive the better acceptation because it is not a single opinion. These [considerations] I tender to you in duty and submit them to your better judgments, beseeching you to believe that I do not dispute your commands, but only give you a true account of my condition, and shall observe what further you may command me. *Enclosed,*

Considerations concerning the marching of the Earl of Manchester's army into Cheshire. 1. *By marching thither, as is required, it cannot be expected we should force Prince Rupert to a second engagement in the field this summer, neither is it likely that we can force his horse to quit their quarters about Chester and go away. To besiege Chester is not a work for a month in the latter end of summer, neither is it likely we should gather there a sufficient force suddenly to do it, this undertaking requiring as great a force as the siege of York, or greater.* 2. *If we should go so far to undertake so long a work, we must have a sufficient force and be provided with stores and accommodations to serve us for the whole time, which, in our present want of ammunition and equipage of all sorts for the train* [*of artillery*], *is impossible. Our regiments, too, are in great need of recruits, so many being sick and wounded, so that if we should now march we must leave a third part of our forces behind, added to which our arrears of pay are intolerable, and there is no money in the treasury to take with us for better encouragements in the future. Besides, all stores coming to us by land from this side the kingdom must pass under the danger of Belvoir and Newark, or of Bolsover and Tutbury Castles, or of other of the enemy's garrisons.* 3. *Upon all these considerations it cannot be fit to go with this army into Cheshire unless those four garrisons were first taken, or provision made by a sufficient force to block them up or insconce them. Whereas, if the enemy's garrisons in these parts were taken or blocked up, it*

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would gain to the Parliament the advantage of raising new forces and maintenance for them out of five or six counties. 4. [*In the event of our continued absence in distant parts*], *the Association by which we were raised and should be paid will have just cause to withdraw or slacken their hands from our further recruiting or maintenance, and seek for some other body and head to protect them, and the same only to be maintained by them.* [*Printed in Soc. Camd., New Series xii., pp.* 8, 9. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 165–168. *Copy.* 3½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Philip Earl of Pembroke. 'The present state of the west you know, and the necessity of sending forces that way for the assistance of the Lord General, against whom the King, with all his forces in those parts, has marched. We have upon serious consideration thereof resolved to send thither all the forces we can collect, in order that they may both march thither safely and effectually assist his Lordship. We have received an intimation by conference with the Committee of the West that your Lordship was pleased to offer them, that if there were a design for sending an army into the west you would cause to be provided 500 musketeers upon some few days' warning, to be employed in that service, which noble offer of yours that Committee relies upon. We therefore desire you to cause those men to be ready with all expedition, and they shall receive our orders for a rendezvous. We know your great readiness to serve the public, and your appreciation of the necessity of it, so you shall not be further troubled by this Committee. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Cunnington at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 265, 266. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to Col. Massie; also to the Governor of Malmsbury. The preamble of this is the same as that of the 9th August to the garrison of Lyme Regis, calendared above. Among the [forces to be sent to the assistance of the Lord General Essex in the west] we require that 400 foot or more of the garrison of Malmsbury be made ready for that purpose, to supply whose absence the Committee of the county [of Wilts.] is coming down, who will take care for some [recruits] for that purpose. This business will not admit of delay, and therefore we doubt not of your care and diligence herein. Sent by John Priestley at 8 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 268. *Minute.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne, and in his absence to the Commander-in-Chief of the forces at Reading. We have sent these gentlemen of the Committee and sub-committee of the Militia of London to Abingdon, together with some money for the City forces there, and, for their more safe passage thither, we desire you to send with them a sufficient convoy. So soon as you are upon your way from Reading to Aylesbury let us hear from you, also [state] when you think you will be at Aylesbury, that we may accordingly give directions to that garrison. Signed as above. By the sub-committee

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of the Militia, sent to them by Craven [*Ibid., p.* 269. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to Sir James Harrington and the rest of the officers of the City forces. Notwithstanding a former order from this Committee for your forces to come away from Abingdon upon Monday next, the 12th inst., upon a very pressing occasion, we have found it necessary to desire you to stay for a fortnight longer. For the better encouragement of your forces thereunto, there is an ordinance this day passed both Houses for 2,000*l.* to be sent to you speedily, a part whereof is sent by these gentlemen of the Committee and sub-committee of the Militia, and the remainder will be sent against Thursday next; so that we doubt not but by your endeavours they will continue in a service so necessary for so short a time, and return with honour and credit. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to Mr. Ball at Reading. How great the consequence is that Abingdon should be kept in our hands both in respect of the present straitening and future taking in of Oxford you easily understand. Besides the dishonour of losing it would be a great discouragement to our friends, and very much leave us under the mischiefs of a garrison as able to molest us as last year. We have endeavoured by all ways to put in a strength sufficient both to keep it, and to annoy Oxford, but the extreme slowness of the levies in the counties is the cause of the danger Abingdon is now in. The time for the continuance of the City forces [there] expires on Monday, and should they then return [to London] the rest of Sir W. Waller's forces would presently march away to the loss of the town [of Abingdon]. We desire you therefore to go along with those who are to go thither from the [Committee of] Militia, and use all your interest amongst those forces [to induce them] to stay there for a very little time [longer] till the supplies can come thither, which will be but a few days. Of all the affairs of the kingdom now in hand none deserve greater care, which to have said to you is so much as no more is needful. Signed as above, and sent by Henry Cunnington, Sir Samuel Luke's courier, at 9 p.m [*Ibid., p.* 270. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to the Commander-in-Chief of the Hertfordshire forces in Aylesbury. We must send immediately some forces to Abingdon on a most necessary service, and among those [designated] we have sent to [Col. Martin] the Governor of Aylesbury to march thither. We require you, with the forces under your command, to march forthwith with the rest of the forces of that garrison to Abingdon; the care of Aylesbury during your absence will be entrusted to Major-General Browne. This service ended you shall return to your garrison again. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 271. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to [Col. Martin], Governor of Aylesbury. The present service to be performed at Abingdon necessitates the sending of

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some forces thither. Among them we require you to march thither with all your forces, leaving only about 100 to guard Aylesbury till Major-General Browne can come thither on Tuesday next, on which morning you are to march out. The service is of great consequence, and will admit of no delay. You shall return to your garrison so soon as we can get other forces to Abingdon. The better to enable you to march and to encourage your soldiers 300*l.* has been sent, to be divided amongst them as may best satisfy that end. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 271, 272. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Reading. There being occasion for Major-General Browne's speedy march from Reading about a design of great consequence, some money has been sent him from hence, but should any more be needed to enable them to march, we desire you to make up this 1,000*l.* or 1,100*l.* into a fortnight's pay. This service being such as cannot be neglected without very great danger, we doubt not but it will receive due furtherance from you, wherein both the public and yourselves are so much concerned. Signed as above, and sent by the sub-committee of the Militia. [*Ibid., p.* 272. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Herts. The necessity of reinforcements for Abingdon is so great that we must again require you to send forward thither the forces you have ready, though but two or three companies. They are to go to Amersham, and shall have further orders when we hear from you that they are upon their march. The arms you desire are lent to you, but we expect a receipt for them. Signed as above, and given to some of the Committee then here. [*Ibid., p.* 273. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to his Excellence [Essex]. We have received yours of the 4th inst., by which we learn that you may be straitened for provisions. To supply your wants we have caused provision to be made, viz., 1,000*l.* worth of bisket, 500*l.* worth of cheese, and 500*l.* worth of oats, to be put aboard a ship which is to be convoyed by Capt. Swanley, who carries aboard him the rest of the 20,000*l.*, which we hope will arrive in good time for your supply. Col. Middleton has received order to march with his party westward as far as with safety he may, in order to hinder the King's recruiting of men and taking up provisions there for his army, by which means we trust the enemy will be reduced to greater straits than you shall need to be having the sea open. We have it in consultation to send greater forces down westward, which we hope will speedily be upon their march and cause a change in the enemy's posture. Col. Middleton has likewise direction to give advertisement to your Lordship of his movements. Signed as above, and sent by Henry Cunnington at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 273, 274. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

August 10. Derby House. The same to the same. Having received the information whereof we send you a copy enclosed, we were unwilling to report anything thereof to the Houses until we had acquainted you therewith in regard it seems to concern one of your chief officers, Sir Wm.

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Balfour, a gentleman who has well deserved of the State. We therefore desire that the letters that he has received from Sir John Berkeley may be sent hither, together with copies of his letters to Sir John. We desire also that you will signify what you know concerning that business. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 274. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 12. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Lord Grey's business be considered this afternoon. 2. That Mr. Recorder Glynn do inform the Committee of Militia that it was a mistake whereof they were informed by their sub-committee. That the 2,000*l.* appointed for Sir James Harrington's brigade was provided; and therefore to desire them to provide 1,000*l.* to be sent to Abingdon on Thursday next upon the same security they have for the 20,000*l.*, and 1,000*l.* more within 14 days upon the same security for the repayment of that which was sent yesterday. 3. That Sir W. Waller be desired to send orders to the 500 dragoons to march to Col. Middleton. 4. That it be reported to the [Commons] House that 200*l.* be presently paid to Sir W. Waller to enable that party going westward to march. 5. That Sir Michael Livesey be sent for to this Committee. 6. That it be reported to the Commons House that we have appointed a party to march to the aid of Col. Middleton, and to desire that some of the western gentlemen may be sent thither to raise what other forces they can to join with Col. Middleton. 7. Lord Say to speak with the Earl of Denbigh concerning the employing of his horse at Abingdon. 8. That the letter from the Parliament of Scotland to the Parliament of England be delivered to both Houses. Afternoon.—Ordered, 9. That it be returned for answer to those who presented the petition of the Committee of cos. Lincoln and Notts. concerning Newark,—that this Committee do conceive the thing to be of great consequence, but they have given other orders to the Earl of Manchester which cannot be altered, but they will take it into consideration in due time. 10. That the vote of last Saturday concerning the Earl of Denbigh's business be reported by Mr. Crew as it was then entered. 11. That letters be written to the garrisons and persons in the west, who were warned to prepare their forces, that they now send them to such rendezvous as Lieut.-Genl. Middleton shall appoint, and to express the reason thereof. 12. That Sir W. Waller be desired to write to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton to give orders to all these forces. 13. That the business of Yorkshire be considered on Wednesday next. 14. That the Houses be moved that 300 qrs. of oats now at the Mews be kept for the service of the Lord General [Essex]. 15. That Lord Grey's business be reported to the Commons House. 16. That Lord Inchiquin's letter to the King be reported to both Houses. 17. That the [Commons] House be reminded of the desire of the Lord Admiral [Warwick] for setting out of a winter guard and for

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furnishing in the mean[time] the summer guard with victuals. 18. That a relation be furnished to this Committee by Thursday of the proceedings of the Dutch Ambassadors since their arrival. 19. That a warrant be sent to Lieut.-Governor, Robert Russell, in Guernsey, to send hither Peter de Bovieres des Granges and Mr. John Banamy to answer to such things as shall be objected. 20. That Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe be desired to furnish 400 bandaleers for the present service of Aylesbury, and that this Committee will undertake payment for the same within 14 days. 21. That Sir W. Waller do send to the officer commanding at Abingdon to hasten the fortifications. 22. That order be given to Col. Martin not to march from Aylesbury till the coming of Major-Genl. Browne, who is to send his horse to convoy the Aylesbury foot to Abingdon. 23. That Sir W. Waller be desired to order two of his troops [of horse] to meet the Aylesbury foot on their way. 24. That it be again recommended to the Commons House that the 15,000*l.* for Sir W. Waller be forthwith paid. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 153–155.]

August 12. Reading. Major-General Richd. Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I am bold to acquaint you that I came safe to Reading with the money by 1 a.m., and have arranged with the Committee here for conveying 1,000*l.* to Abingdon, which will be the more easily accomplished, here being a troop of horse, who came thence to borrow match, of which they are in extreme need, but which I could not supply being in the like case and hardly able to march without speedy supply. It is probable our own money will not suffice for more than a week's pay, and I entertain some fears lest the soldiers may refuse to march without more, but I shall use my endeavours by punishment if persuasion will not prevail. I shall have only Capt. Greenfield's [Grenville's] and Capt Tyrrell's troops with me, which will scarce be sufficient for our convoy, for that I am assured 500 fresh horse are come into Oxford and 200 into Wallingford, by reason of which also I fear much for the safety of Major Temple's and Capt. Askew's troops with the few foot at Newbury, against whom it is probable there may be some design, and if drawn off, the town will doubtless be ruined by the enemy. Otherwise I would suggest that, we being so few, it would be wiser to keep together and not be divided into three parts, as now we are, which makes us all obnoxious to danger. I intend to march to-morrow according to your orders, but much fear the work will not be carried on with honour and safety, the Committee of these counties being neither able to raise a competent number of men to do the work nor money to pay them if raised; so that, I pray God, the King possess not again in despite of us his winter quarters. My best endeavours shall not be wanting to prevent it, and to obey your orders until you be pleased, according to my former request, to prefer some other to this command. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 168, 169. *Copy* = 1¼ *p.*]

August 12. York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the same. Presently after the yielding of York, the armies dispersed to refresh themselves. The Earl of Manchester [went to] Doncaster and those parts, where

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Tickhill Castle yielded to him about 14 days since, and then he marched southwards into Notts., leaving some forces commanded by Major-Genl. [Laurence] Crawford before Sheffield Castle, and others laid before Welbeck House, which was yielded to him a week since. To assist Crawford I sent Col. Bright with my own regiment of horse, 300 foot, and some pieces of cannon, by which the castle was so shaken upon Saturday last its defenders called for a parley, and yesterday yielded up the place upon conditions. I also sent Sir John Meldrum with 1,000 horse to succour Lancashire, and, in conjunction with the forces of that country, to attempt the expulsion of the party left there by Prince Rupert. The Scots' army, to refresh themselves, marched to Leeds and those parts, where they continued till Wednesday last, and then marched northward towards Newcastle, where I hear they are now arrived. So your Lordships may perceive that at present this part of the country is very bare of forces considering its condition, many of the strongest castles and garrisons being still kept by the enemy, who much infest the country. This keeps up the spirit of the Popish and disaffected party in expectation of speedy succour to come from Prince Rupert or his officers, and truly it is not improbable that such a design is on foot, for Sir Marmaduke Langdale and Sir Thos. Glemham with about 3,000 horse and foot are now quartered in Cumberland, where they strenuously endeavour to increase their strength and numbers by raising the people of Westmorland and Cumberland, so that the Scottish army being now passed on and set down to besiege Newcastle, it is most likely those forces of the enemy will instantly fall upon Yorkshire where there is no great strength to oppose them, and many are likely to rise and assist them. Therefore I am now engaged in raising a competent army in this country, but encounter these difficulties: first, the reluctance of men to engage in other employments during harvest time; next, the extreme want of money and clothes for supply of this small army I have, which discourages others from entering into the service, and drives some of my own men to seek better wages in the harvest field. These things I thought convenient to represent to you, that, understanding the true state of these parts, you might, if requisite, give order that the Scotch army do keep a watchful eye upon the motions of the enemy in Cumberland, so that, in case they should take the field and break into Yorkshire again, the Scots might be ready to pursue them and so prevent the spoil of these parts before my army be recruited. I shall be careful to give you further advertisement of the enemy's movements. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 170–172. *Copy*=2½ *pp.*]

August 12. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Michael Livesey. Understanding that the Committee of Kent have appointed you to return with your regiment to Abingdon, this Committee having occasion to speak with you, desires you immediately upon receipt hereof to repair hither to them. Sent by Newman about 1 o'clock, he also had one to Col. Holborne from Sir W. Waller. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 274. *Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

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August 12. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. The necessity of sending your forces to Abingdon, and the great danger of the loss of that town if a supply of forces be not sent thither with all expedition, is the occasion of our present letters. We have already appointed some [forces], though not sufficient, we therefore desire you to let such of yours as are now ready upon the late ordinance [of Parliament] march at once without tarrying for all, leaving the rest to follow with as much speed as they can. The consequence of keeping Abingdon is such not only in point of reputation, but in order to the present straitening and future taking in of Oxford, while the loss thereof would so far set back our affairs, that we cannot with sufficient earnestness commend it to you. If your immediate compliance herewith shall be a means to preserve this place, it will not be the least part of your contribution to the safety of the kingdom. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Craven at 12 o'clock [*Ibid., p.* 275. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 12. The like letter to the Committee of Kent. Sent by John Arnold. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

August 12. Derby House. The same to the Governor of Weymouth. We hope before this time Wareham is in the power of the Parliament, and thereby the forces of those parts will be more at leisure to move further west. We therefore desire you, with the forces you can spare, to march westward as you shall receive orders from Lieut.-Genl. Middleton, to whom also we have already commanded more forces. By this means both the enemy's recruits of men, levies of money, and making other provisions in Somersetshire and Devonshire for the King's army, may be for the present hindered, and they so straitened as may much facilitate the finishing of these troubles. Some forces of Cheshire and Shropshire under Sir Thos. Middleton and Col. Mitton have taken 200 horse of Prince Rupert's own regiment, 60 men, 3 captains, all their arms and clothes, the rest of the men escaping in their shirts, some to Shrewsbury and some to Red Castle [near Drayton]; they were quartered at a place called Welshpool. Signed as above, and sent by Bulmer at 10 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 276. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 12. Mem. The like letters of this were sent to Malmsbury, Lyme Regis, Dorchester, Sir Henry Roswell, Capt. Pyne, and Capt. Fry.

August 12. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We have given orders to Col. Martin to march out with his garrison from Aylesbury to Abingdon so soon as he shall understand that you are advanced near to Aylesbury, and because there may be danger in their march thither from the enemy's quarters, we desire you to send along with them, for a convoy, those horse which you bring with you from Reading until they come to Abingdon. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 277. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 13. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir W. Waller, Sir G. Gerard,

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Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Committee of the Navy do provide a catch for Capt. Swanley to convey the money to the Lord Admiral in the Downs, to be by him delivered to the Lord General [Essex]. 2. That Sir G. Gerard do put aboard the catch the 18,000*l.* provided for the service of the Lord General. 3. That Capt. Swanley do deliver the 18,000*l.* to the Lord Admiral to be sent to the Lord General. 4. That the obligation of secrecy concerning the business of Wareham be taken off. 5. That the letter of Col. Jephson concerning Wareham, with the articles of [sur]render, together with the order given to Col. Jephson to undertake that treaty, be reported to the Commons, with the opinion that the conditions should be made good. 6. To write to Col. Jephson approving his doings, and informing him that the Committee will endeavour to have the conditions made good. 7. That it be recommended from this Committee to the Adventurers for lands in Ireland that they consider at their meeting some means for supply of the Protestants in Munster, and for promoting the work there. 8. That Major-Genl. Browne do march to Abingdon with all his forces, except the Windsor foot and those horse that are to secure Reading and Newbury. 9. To write to the Committee of Kent to send their recruits speedily to Abingdon, and to hasten their other forces. 10. The like to the Committee of Herts. and Essex, to hasten theirs to the rendezvous at Abingdon. 11. That Sir W. Waller be deired to write to Col. [James] Holborne, [Anthony] Welden, and [Jonas] Van Douschke, for the good of the public service, to submit for the present to the commands of Major-Genl. Browne. 12. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to march with all his forces to Abingdon, except the Windsor foot and the horse appointed to secure Reading and Newbury; likewise to inform him that Sir Wm. Waller out of his own free will has offered, for the public good, that his forces shall be under Browne's command for the present, and that this Committee doubts not but he will give his orders with the judgment and temper befitting the persons who are to receive them. 13. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to use his best endeavours to persuade the City to supply 4 or 5 regiments for the design against Oxford. 14. That a warrant be issued to Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe to lend 100 muskets to the Committee of the three counties [Oxon., Berks., and Bucks.]. 15. To inform Col. Martin that there will be no need of his forces to march to Abingdon. 16. That thanks be added to the letter to the Committee of Kent for their forwardness in sending their foot. 17. To write to the Earl of Manchester to send a party into Cheshire to join with the forces appointed against Prince Rupert, and that he keep up a correspondence with Sir John Meldrum. 18. To write to the forces in cos. Cheshire, Notts., and Derby, to obey the orders of the Earl of Manchester. 19. To write to the Committee of both kingdoms before Newcastle and to the Earl of Leven, notifying them of the disposing of the Earl of Manchester's army, and [directing them] to hold correspondence with him and Lord Fairfax. If the enemy's force in Westmorland and Cumberland shall enter Yorkshire, they are to use their best endeavours to

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vanquish it, and secure the city and county of York. 20. The like to Lord Fairfax, and to desire him to keep his forces together. 21. That the Earl of Manchester do send 1,000 foot to Abingdon. 22. That it be reported to the Houses [of Parliament] that the forces raised within the Association by virtue of the ordinance of 12th July be under the command of the Earl of Manchester, and be disposed of as he thinks fit. 23. The like that the Herts. regiment may consist of only 500 men. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 155–157.]

August 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have received yours of the 6th inst. from Lincoln, communicating the news of your taking in of Welbeck House, and approve the terms granted them, as whereby you have not only gained the house, but the men also, as appears by their voluntary surrendering up their arms. We will further your desire to the Houses of Parliament for making good your engagements to them. As for your recruits mentioned, we are sorry they were not ready to attend your order, but expect that you shall have a better account of them than those letters. We hope you have received our former letters before this, by which you will discern that the ordinance of the 12th July shall be no disadvantage to your forces, for besides that 1,800 of those are ordered for your recruits, your Lordship may do as you please in Lincolnshire, which is not within the ordinance. The counties assure us that they are about those levies for you; however, by their letters they would represent their difficulties to see if they could get any ease, especially this harvest time. We beg you to believe that it was not the intention of the Houses to do anything in that ordinance that should in any sort prejudice your army, which has proved so prosperous and serviceable to the whole kingdom, and we hope for the same good service in the future. Sent by Col. Fleetwood, who went the 15th inst. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., pp.* 12, 13. *Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 277, 278. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 13. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. Upon debate of the difficulties in which our affairs are at present involved, Sir W. Waller has been pleased freely of his own nobleness and great affection to serve the public, and in respect thereof so far to deny himself and all his own interests as to be content that all his forces now at or about Abingdon shall for the present receive their orders from you. We desire you, therefore, this difficulty being removed, that, notwithstanding any former orders, you march to Abingdon with all your forces, except the Windsor foot and the horse appointed for the safety of Reading and Newbury, and you are to take care for the security of Abingdon, and with all speed to see it fortified. We doubt not but your orders and commands will be [delivered] with such judgment and temper as may be convenient for such men of worth and honour as they are who are to receive them, and such common aims at the public good [manifested] in all as there shall be no distractions grow amongst you in the prosecution thereof. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Durand. A duplicate of this was also sent by Binding. [*Ibid., pp.* 278, 279. *Copy* $=\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

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August 13. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Hertfordshire. The necessity of the greatest expedition in setting forth your forces is the cause we so often reiterate our desires to you. You are to cause your forces to march with all speed to Abingdon, which is in danger to be lost for want of forces to hold it, which catastrophe would altogether lose our whole summer's endeavours, and have the enemy in winter as near as the last year. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid., p.* 279. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 13. The like letter to the Committee of Essex. Sent by the same messenger. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

August 13. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We wrote to you yesterday to march with your forces to Abingdon, but upon further consideration have now altered our resolutions, so that for the present we shall not trouble you with any other directions but to continue in your garrison for Col. Martyn. Signed as above, and sent by Durand. [*Ibid., p.* 280. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 14. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter from Wareham be reported to the Commons, with the opinion of this Committee that the works should not be slighted. Afternoon.—Ordered, 2. That the business proposed by Sir W. Waller be considered to-morrow morning. 3. That it be reported to the Commons that whereas there is a good quantity of victuals and ammunition in Wareham which may be spared, some part may be transported with the garrison now ordered to Munster. 4. That it be stated to Sir Michael Livesey that this Committee is very sensible of the danger and inconvenience occasioned by his disorderly going away with his troop, but as Sir W. Waller desires it may be passed over on this occasion, the Committee warns him to be careful that the like may not occur again. 5. That such part of the Dorsetshire letter as concerns the sending of a Committee into the country be reported to the Commons. 6. To write to the Earl of Manchester. 7. That Sir James Harrington's brigade be discharged, and have liberty to return home to-morrow the 15th inst. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 157, 158.]

August 14. Marlow. Lieut.-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. According to your orders I marched yesterday, Tuesday, with much difficulty, from Reading, quartered last night at Great Marlow, and was on my march this morning towards Aylesbury, and at 9 o'clock received your further orders of the 13th inst., I accordingly faced about and shall hasten to Abingdon. I doubt not of a good correspondence with the commanders of Sir Wm. Waller's forces there, and hope that such orders as may be given will tend only to the public service and give no occasion of clashing. Your orders for fortifying Abingdon shall with speed be pursued, and I hope to find engineers there, having only one with me; all

other orders from you shall be likewise carefully obeyed. [*Interregnum*, 16 *E.*, *pp.* 169, 170. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

August 14. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I received yours of the 9th instant, signifying your pleasure that I should refrain from raising more recruits in Essex than necessity should require, because an entire regiment of 1,000 is to be raised in that county. I shall obey your commands, but wish to acquaint you with the order formerly settled by me for recruiting these forces. I had arranged for the counties out of which these regiments were first raised to supply their defects, as I found this plan to give the best satisfaction to the counties, and made the soldiers more united. My own regiment being raised in Essex, I thought to have recruited it from thence. But, as you have otherwise ordered it, I shall rather hazard other inconveniences than give a check to your other designs. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., p.* 13. *Ibid., pp.* 172, 173. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

August 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Earl of Manchester. The state of Prince Rupert's army being other than we conceived when we wrote last to you, there being so many of his forces marched northward, together with the consideration of your letter and the reasons enclosed, have caused us to alter our resolution. We desire you to send a party of your forces to join with those to be sent from cos. Notts., Derby, Lancashire, Cheshire, and Sir Thos. Middleton, as expressed in our former letters, and to employ the same to hinder the Prince's recruits and to proceed further as opportunity offers. The rest of your forces may stay where you think fittest for their recruits from the Association and for further service. In the meantime we desire you to keep constant intelligence both with the Scottish army and Lord Fairfax, so that you may be ready for the assistance of Yorkshire if the [Prince's] forces that are in Westmorland and Cumberland should again fall upon those parts. We desire also that you will send 1,000 foot to Abingdon with all speed. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Col. Fleetwood. P.S.—We desire you to hold intelligence with Sir John Meldrum, who commands the forces of Lancashire. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., p.* 14. *Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 280. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 15. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir J. Gerard, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Herts.' forces and Col. Ayloff's regiment at Newport Pagnell do march to Aylesbury, where being joined by 200 of the Earl of Manchester's forces they are to proceed to Abingdon. 2. To write to the Earl of Manchester to inform him of the marching of these forces, and that he need not send more to Abingdon; also that he may supply majors to the Herts., Suffolk, or Norfolk regiments, but that of Essex was before bestowed. 3. To write to the Committee of Bedford to send their new levies to Newport Pagnell to take the

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place of Col. Ayloff's regiment. 4. To write to the Governor of Aylesbury, directing that 200 of the Earl of Manchester's forces there march to Abingdon. 5. To write to those of Herts. to march to Aylesbury and thence to Abingdon. 6. To inform Sir Samuel Luke of the sending of Col. Ayloff's men to Abingdon. 7. That Lord Say do speak to the Committee of the [three] counties to write to Major-Genl. Browne, that he being now in those counties will fill up his regiment. 8. To write to the Committee of Salop signifying the Earl of Denbigh's complaint of the usage of his men, and to desire that they may be as well used as the rest and have their share of the cloth taken at Oswestry. 9. That the Earl of Denbigh's business be considered to-morrow. 10. That Cols. Purefoy and Bosevile be desired to attend to-morrow. 11. To instruct Major-Genl. Browne to send some horse to convoy the force coming from Herts., Beds., and Aylesbury towards Abingdon, and to certify this Committee of their arrival. 12. To reply to Col. Massie's first proposition, that so soon as the other forces shall have come to Abingdon his that are there with Sir Wm. [Waller] shall be returned. 13. That the Committee of Gloucester do attend presently. 14. That the Committee of Wilts., with Col. Popham, do attend to-morrow. 15. That the Waggon-master General do furnish 4 teams for conveyance of ammunition to Reading. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 158, 159.]

August 15. Abingdon. Lieut.-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. Upon receipt of your orders whilst upon my march towards Aylesbury yesterday, we returned to Henley, but could not get further that night. Thence, to-day, we marched to Abingdon where I await your further commands. We find provisions here very scarce, and hardly to be had for money, so that our wants are like to be great. Our quarters are also exceeding strait, so that there are near 10 men in a room, besides many sick. You know what our strength is, and the Warwick forces, which are the most considerable here, are to be gone suddenly on Monday, their time being expired. I shall endeavour to secure the place with the forces I have till you send more hither, and appoint some other commander. The want of money and the mischiefs it occasions amongst the soldiers makes me still request to be relieved of this command. Nor can I endure to see the poor country despoiled and ruined by the soldiers, which they being in want are compelled unto, or must starve and moulder away. These points I offer to your consideration, beseeching God to bless all your counsels to his glory and the good of the State. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 173, 174. *Copy* = 1¼ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Ayloffe. Among other forces belonging to the Earl of Manchester appointed to march to Abingdon are those of your regiment now at Newport. We therefore require you to march forthwith to Aylesbury, where being joined by 200 of the Earl of Manchester's forces you are to advance to Abingdon, whither also we have appointed 500 of the Herts.' new levies which are now upon their way to Amersham for the same

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service. So soon as you are upon the march you are to send to Major-General Browne at Abingdon for a convoy of horse to conduct your party and those of Herts.; they are to meet you at a place to be arranged, which you are to appoint by conference with those at Amersham. There is care taken for the defence of Newport in the absence of your men. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Durand. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 281, *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Bedford. We have appointed the forces at Newport of Col. Ayloff's regiment to march forthwith to Abingdon, and the rest of the forces [will be] there very shortly. We therefore desire you to put your men, recently levied under the ordinance of 12th July, into Newport, which will be a convenience to them and secure that place in which you are so much concerned. [These levies will be sufficient for its defence], the enemy now having no force in the field nor any danger [existing] near it, while those [in garrison] there will be enabled to march to that service at Abingdon. Order was given on 8th August for Sir John Norwich with his three troops of horse to march to the Earl of Manchester. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 281, 282. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to [Col. Martin], Governor of Aylesbury. We desire you to make ready 200 of your garrison, that belong to the Earl of Manchester, to march to Abingdon with the Herts.' forces, which are marching thither by way of your town. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Arnold on the 17th at 6 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 282. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. Col. Ayloff's regiment is appointed to march to Abingdon and the defence of Newport to be entrusted to 500 men to be levied under the ordinance of 12th July, which are by order of the House [of Commons] to be separated from those of Herts. We have written to the Committee of Beds. to put them into Newport for that service. We desire you to cause that [Col. Ayloff's] regiment do march to Aylesbury on their way to Abingdon, the enemy now having no army in the field, nor any garrison near you. We suppose those men who will be left [will be] sufficient to keep the town till some of the new levies be come in. Signed as above, and sent by Durand. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 282, 283. *Copy* = ⅔*p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have received word this morning that the new levies from Herts. are upon their march, and we desire that they may be part of the 1,000 you were to send to Abingdon. You may appoint a major over them or embody them with others into a regiment as you think fit. The appointment of a major for the forces of Norfolk or Suffolk is left by the ordinance to this Committee, so we desire you to appoint over them whom you please. But for the major of Essex at the instant request of the Committee of that county we have bestowed it upon Major Moore. Col. Ayloff's men at Newport, with 200 of yours at Ayles-

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bury, will make up the 1,000 we desired for Abingdon, they being nearest the rendezvous, so that none will be withdrawn from your army. We have just received the news by a letter from your scout-master of the taking of Sheffield Castle, for which good service we bless God and give your Lordship thanks. Signed as above, and sent by Col. Fleetwood. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., pp.* 14, 15. *Ibid., p.* 283. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. We have appointed some forces to march to Abingdon from Herts. and Beds., who are to meet at or near Aylesbury. They are instructed to send to you for a convoy of horse to secure their march to Abingdon, which we desire you to furnish and certify us when they are arrived. Signed as above, and sent by Gardner on the 17th. [*Ibid., p.* 284. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Wem. We are informed that the Earl of Denbigh's regiment, which he left at Wem, has not received such usage as is fitting. We desire you to take it into your care, and in future to see that it has as good encouragement as your other forces both for recruiting and other necessaries. You are also to take care that the agreement made between Lord Denbigh and yourself concerning the cloth taken at Oswestry may be performed. Signed as above, and sent by his servant. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Derbyshire and Notts. We wrote to you on the 7th inst. to send what force you could spare to the rendezvous to be appointed by the Earl of Manchester for the service against Prince Rupert, to which letter we refer you. We desire you to be in readiness for that service, and to receive your orders from the Earl. Signed as above, and sent by Henry Mills, servant to Sir W. Brereton. [*Ibid., p.* 285. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Sir W. Brereton, the Committee of Cheshire, and Sir Thos. Middleton. We have appointed a party of the Earl of Manchester's forces to march into Cheshire to join with your forces, and those here specified, to operate against Prince Rupert. We desire you to hold yourselves in readiness to join in this service, for which no persuasion is needed, the public danger and your own interest being beyond all other arguments. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Sir John Meldrum. We are glad to hear by your letter that you have so good a force to attend Prince Rupert. We thought fit to let you know that we have appointed the Earl of Manchester to send a party such as he shall think fit to join with such forces as can be spared from cos. Notts. and Derby, and with those of Cheshire and Sir Thos. Middleton to make what improvement they can of the [opportunities] against Prince Rupert. We desire you to hold good intelligence with those forces for the better carrying on of that service. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 286. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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August 15. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Estates of Scotland and the Lord General the Earl of Leven. We understand by Lord Warristone of your marching northward, and your resolutions to lie down before Newcastle, which we conceive may prove of great advantage to this kingdom. We are informed there is a considerable strength of horse and foot of the enemy's in Westmoreland and Cumberland; if these should march southward into Yorkshire, considering the malignancy of that county and the present condition of the Lord Fairfax's forces, we conceive that the enemy would quickly increase their forces there, whereby the city of York and safety of that county might be much endangered, for preventing whereof we have written to Lord Fairfax and the Earl of Manchester to hold constant intelligence between themselves and with your Lordships. We desire your Lordships to give frequent intelligence of the enemy's motions to Lord Fairfax and the Earl of Manchester, and if they [the enemy] shall march into Yorkshire, we conceive it will be of advantage if you can spare some horse and dragoons to join with the forces of Fairfax and Manchester, for securing the town and county of York, and for reducing of these forces. We have given order to Manchester to send into Cheshire a party to join with the forces of Notts., Derby, Cheshire, and Lancashire against Prince Rupert, the rest of his [Manchester's] forces stay in Lincolnshire, that, being recruited from their Association, they may be in readiness to contribute their assistance for Yorkshire and other services as there shall be occasion. Signed as above, and sent by the post. [*Ibid., pp.* 286, 287. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 15. Derby House. The same to Ferd. Lord Fairfax. We have given order to the Earl of Manchester to send a party into Cheshire, to join with the forces of Notts., &c. [as in the preceding entry]. If those forces of the enemy in Westmorland and Cumberland should march into Yorkshire they would greatly increase their strength there and endanger the city and co. of York. We therefore desire you to use the best means you can for keeping your forces together and for raising of new levies, in order to frustrate any such resolution of the enemy. You should keep frequent intelligence and correspondence with the Scottish army and the Earl of Manchester, that with such assistance as may be sent from either of them you may secure that county, and reduce the enemy's forces [there]. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 287, 288. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

August 16. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir W. Waller, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. Warrant for 20 barrels of gunpowder, 3 demi-culverin of iron, 150 round shot for saker, 50 for minion, 150 for demi-culverin, and 50 besides. 2. That some of the Committee of the Navy be desired to attend this afternoon. 3. That the commission granted to the Commissioners of Scotland, with the enlargement and the sense and additions of the Parliament of Scotland, the propositions for peace,

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and the paper of the Scotts' Commissioners of the 14th August, be reported to both Houses of Parliament. 4. That some of the Committee of the Navy do attend this afternoon about transporting the garrison of Wareham into Ireland. 5. That Mr. Wekherlin do write to Mr. [Walter] Strickland not to give any encouragement to the Prince Elector [Palatine] for his coming over into England. Afternoon.—Ordered, 6. To write to the Committee of St. Alban's to hasten their proportion of forces upon the new levies; also that two of their Committee and two of the Herts.' Committee do attend on Monday afternoon. 7. That Sir G. Gerard and Sir John Franklin be desired to certify this Committee who they are that, notwithstanding the order of this Committee, are still billeted in places near the City. 8. That the paper here presented by the Adventurers for lands in Ireland be reported to the Commons to-morrow. 9. That the Committee of the Militia be desired to sit to-morrow afternoon, for that members of this Committee are to come to them about special affairs. 10. That Mr. Crew and Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to go to the Committee of the Militia to-morrow afternoon, to speak with them about sending out some of their regiments into the west. 11. That the 1,000 men out of Kent shall continue a regiment, but the rest of the forces of that Association are to go into the recruits, the horse to continue as appointed by the ordinance. Also, that it be reported to the House [of Commons], that it may be referred to the Committee of that Association to make the charge proportionable to all the counties upon this alteration. 12. That the Committees of the Militia and of Middlesex be urged to hasten the sending of their proportion of horse, under the ordinance of 12 July, to Abingdon. 13. That Sir W. Waller do send to the Earl of Forth the letter of Lord Inchiquin to the King, signifying to him that it was intercepted, and that he [Sir Wm.] is commanded by the Parliament to send it to the Earl of Forth, to be by him delivered to his Majesty. 14. That Sir Henry Heyman and Capt. Skinner be desired to attend to-morrow afternoon, and that Sir H. Vane, senr., is to deal with them, that the forces of Kent will take their commissions from Sir W. Waller according to the ordinance. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 160, 161.]

August 16. Listithiell [Lostwithiel.] The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. Yours of the 17th was the last I have received, but have since made up several despatches to you, and shall omit no occasion whereby I may show my obedience to the Parliament. The two last letters were sent by the way of the Lord Admiral; the first was his Majesty's letter to me, the second was that from the officers of the King's army, and now I send you the originals of some scattered papers which were thrown upon the heath by the enemy's horse. Braver men than are here I never knew. This army being environed by four armies [viz., the King's, Prince Maurice's, Grenvile's, and Hopton's], is in great want of victuals, and the country so obstructed by passes, that we can neither force the [enemy] to fight, except when they list, nor march off ourselves. For aught I can

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perceive the enemy's intention is to starve us out, yet both our horse and foot keep their courage notwithstanding the great extremity they are put to. The foot as yet have never been engaged, but the horse skirmish daily, and invariably beat their opponents, though they be three for one. Intelligence we have none, the country people being violent against us, and if any of our scouts or soldiers fall into their hands, they are more bloody than the enemy. What reinforcements may come to the enemy's assistance we have no means of learning. Here are some skippers newly taken, that come from the coast of Brittany, and they report 14,000 or 15,000 men preparing there to come over, but to this I give little credit, knowing how the French are engaged in war. Only the King staying in this county to the neglect of the rest of the country [looks as if] he had some hopes of foreign aid either from France or Ireland. If any [of the Parliament's] forces had followed the King, as we expected, when we came into these parts, in all probability this war would have had a quick termination. But since we are left to the providence of God I cannot despair of his mercy, having experienced so much in our greatest straits. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 200, 201. *Copy* = 1¼ *p.*]

August 17. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Warwick forces now at Abingdon be discharged and have leave to return home on Wednesday next. 2. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to send away the three battering pieces that were at Greenland House, and ammunition proportionable, with the Warwickshire forces, for the use of Banbury, taking care that they be safely conveyed to Aylesbury, where they shall have further convoy. 3. That Mr. Duret be despatched into France, thence to give intelligence to this Committee and to receive their commands. 4. To write to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton to advance as near the King's army as he can with safety, to strengthen his provisions and to advertise this Committee of his proceedings. 5. That the Warwickshire muster-master do deliver to Capt. Parry a list of the last musters of those forces. 6. To write to the Committee at Reading to send away the rest of the ammunition belonging to Sir W. Waller to Abingdon. 7. To write to Lord Fairfax and the Mayor of Hull to see that Mr. Fenton restores the goods taken from James Colburne and Wm. Clarke, Scottish merchants, or else that he appear before this Committee. 8. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to signify the information of the provand-master of Sir Wm. Waller's army, and to desire him to take care that Sir William's army be provided for. 9. That the petition of the Scottish officers with the recommendation of the Committee of Estates be reported to the House [of Commons]. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 161 *and* 164.]

August 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton. Sir W. Waller formerly wrote to you to march with

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your party as far westward as you could with safety, thereby to hinder the King's recruits and his making provision of victuals and money for his army in cos. Devon and Somerset. We hope you have received [his letter] and are already in the execution of that order, but lest it should have miscarried we thought fit to send this messenger express with the same directions, and desire you to put them in execution with all expedition, because we conceive the Lord General [Essex] is in need thereof, and that you will by him let us know the state of your party, where you are, and what is the condition of your own forces, and what forces of the west are joined with you according to the orders sent, also the condition and posture of the enemy, and to let us hear from you as often as you possibly can. You are to advertise the Lord General of all these things, and to keep a constant intelligence with him. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by Newman at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 288. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 17. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We are informed by Sir W. Waller's provand-master that provisions do not come in to his army, and that his soldiers suffer much for want thereof, which will not only discourage those forces, but prove a great hinderance to the service they are now employed in. We therefore desire you to take care that in future they may be duly provided for. [*Ibid., p.* 289. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 17. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We have given order to the Warwickshire forces to return home on Wednesday by way of Banbury, where they are to be employed conjoined with those of Northamptonshire, which are there already. We desire you to send along with them the three battering pieces which were at Greenland House, together with ammunition proportionable, and to take care that they may have sufficient convoy till they come to Aylesbury, from whence they shall have other convoy. Signed as above, and given to Col. Purefoy. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 17. Derby House. The same to Ferd. Lord Fairfax. The Committee having considered the petition enclosed, and the injuries and wrongs done to petitioners by Mr. Fenton, desire you to give order that the full value of the goods of petitioners, with their losses and damages, may be restored, or otherwise, if he shall deny to perform the same, to cause him to be sent hither to appear before us to show the reasons of his so doing. Signed as above, and sent by the parties concerned. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 17. Derby House. The same to the same. The Committee having considered the petition of James Colburne and William Clerke, Scottish merchants, informing that some provisions brought by them from Holland for the use of the Scottish army, by order of his Excellence the Earl of Leven, were seized by Mr. Fenton, searcher for his Majesty at Hull, and disposed of. We desire you to give order for restitution of the full value of these goods to the owners, together with their losses and damages, or upon refusal to send him hither to appear before this Committee, to show reasons for his so doing [*Ibid., p.* 307. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

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August 18. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Wm. Waller, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. That Sir W. Waller shall march into the west with a body of horse and dragoons. 2. That it be reported to the House of Commons that some may be sent into the west to provide horses for this service. 3. The like that, for the more speedy performance of this service, the 10,000*l.* so often promised may be paid to Sir Wm. Waller. 4. To write to the Committees, governors, and others to hasten their forces and to mount as many musketeers as they can. 5. The like to the Isle of Wight, noticing former letters of this Committee to the Earl of Pembroke. 6. That duplicates of the former letters be sent to Herts. and Newport [requiring them] to send their forces to Abingdon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 162, *and* 1 *E.*]

August 18. Plymouth Sound. The Lord Admiral Warwick to the Committee of both kingdoms. This morning I received the enclosed which I opened by mistake in the dark, for which I pray excuse me. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 199. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

August 18. Plymouth Sound. The same to the same. I hold it my duty to let you know that if the Lord General's army should receive a check, Plymouth will run great hazard, for most of the best men are with him, leaving the garrison very weak, only about 800 men besides burgesses. The line they have to keep is near 4 miles in compass, and the works many, mounting 150 pieces of ordnance. There are daily controversies between the Mayor and Governor, which I do the best I can to settle in their several jurisdictions. Some 200 men of this garrison are at Saltash, and this night the Governor sent thither 100 more upon news of the enemy's approach and desired me also to furnish 100, which I did. Truly, my Lords, if this town be lost all the west will be in danger, and therefore I desire your care in it, to send help in time, for at the end of this month our victuals will draw to an end and we must look homeward. The wind has been long at west, and blown so hard that we could send no relief to the Lord General's army, which receives all its provisions from this town, and will soon exhaust them if not still supplied. We hope your Lordships and the Parliament will take these things into your consideration, and send them such supplies as you shall find meet. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 199, 200. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 19. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir W. Waller, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir A. Hazelrigg, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Col. Ayloffe do march with all those forces at Aylesbury, whose places are to be supplied by 200 of the Herts. levies. 2. To write to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge to send money to Newport to enable Col. Ayloffe's forces to march. 3. To write to the Governor of Aylesbury to send 400 of the Earl of Manchester's forces to join Col. Ayloffe's regiment, as also to the

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Committee of Herts. concerning these forces. Afternoon.—Ordered, 4. That the business concerning the arrears to the garrison of Holy Island and the settling of pay for the same be reported to the House [of Commons]. 5. That some of the principal French, Spanish, and Portuguese merchants and those of the West Indies be desired to attend on Wednesday afternoon. 6. That Sir John Barkley's letter concerning Mr. Thomas Arundel be delivered to the Committee of Gloucester. 7. That the Herts. Committee do send their 500 men, levied by ordinance of 12th July, as single companies, and only make choice of captains, 200 of them to Aylesbury and the rest to Abingdon. 8. To write to the Committee of Hunts. desiring them to acquaint the Earl of Manchester with their being in readiness and to have respect toward the officers engaged by them. 9. That the proposition in Col. Venn's paper concerning the wants of the garrison of Windsor Castle be reported to the House of Commons. 10. That ten barrels of gunpowder and half a tun of match be sent to Windsor Castle. That the Committee of the Revenue be desired to pay to Mr. Frost 60*l.* to be reissued for secret service. 12. That some of the Militia be desired to attend to-morrow afternoon, and that they send away their horse, raised by ordinance of 12th July, to Abingdon. 13. That Sir W. Waller's desire concerning his commission be considered to-morrow. 14. That the Committee of the Navy be desired to provide two or three small vessels to carry letters between Portsmouth and the Lord General [Essex]. 15. That the commission granted to Sir W. Waller and the Western ordinance passed this day be perused to-morrow. 16. To write to the Committee of Kent to send what horse and dragoons they can spare to Abingdon for two months. 17. That it be reported to the Commons House that if the Committee of Kent will send to Abingdon horse more than assigned by the ordinance they may be paid for them by the State. Mem.—That the gentlemen of Wilts. do attend to-morrow afternoon. 18. That the paper given in by Mr. [Thos.] Hatcher and Sir Adam Hepburn be reported to the Commons. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 162–164.]

August 19. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received your letter, and shall obey your commands therein and in all other things. I have not yet heard from the Herts.' men, only that they cannot agree in the choice of their officers, which I fear may delay their march. The country here comes in very slowly to work [on the fortifications], although warrants have been issued several times to that purpose; however, we set our soldiers to it, but their want of provision and money abates their zeal and makes them ready to mutiny. I entreat you will take care to supply us speedily. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 174. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. Understanding that you were straitened for want of provisions, we have caused 1,000*l.* worth of biscuit, 500*l.* of cheese, and 500*l.* of oats to be put aboard a ship that is to be convoyed by Capt. Swanley,

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the rest of the 20,000*l.* is also delivered to him to be brought to you. Upon Wednesday last, Col. [Lieut.-Genl. Sir John] Middleton with 500 horse fell upon 1,000 horse and dragoons of the King's, under Sir Francis Dorrington and others, at Petherton, and routed them, both horse and dragoons. They killed about 40 on the spot, took a major, 3 captains, 2 lieutenants, 2 cornets, 40 soldiers, 80 horses, besides provisions, with the loss upon his part only of 4 soldiers and Major Ker [Carr] taken prisoner. We ordered him last week to advance as near to the King's army as he could, with all his horse and dragoons, in order to hinder their provisions and recruiting from cos. Devon and Somerset. We are using our best endeavours to send a greater force of horse and dragoons under Sir W. Waller, which we hope shall be effected speedily. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent, one copy by Craven at 11, and another by Hanbury, junr., at 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 290. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The same to Sir Henry Roswell, Capt. Pyne, and Capt. Fry. We hope you have received ours of the 9th and 12th inst., and that the forces desired therein are in readiness to march. In regard of the present exigency of affairs we desire you forthwith to make ready what forces you can, to repair to the rendezvous to be appointed by Sir W. Waller, if you be not already marched by appointment of Lieut.-Genl. Middleton. We shall use no other arguments to persuade you but the consideration of both the public interest and your own. Signed as above, and sent by Crips at 9 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 291. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The same to [Col. Martin], Governor of Aylesbury. We have formerly written to you for the sending of those 200 men in your garrison that are of Manchester's forces to Abingdon, considering that there may be more occasion of service at Abingdon than with you, for which the new levies of Herts. are not so well suited, we now desire that the whole 400 of Manchester's men in garrison at Aylesbury may march forth with those under Col. Ayloffe from Newport. The garrison at Aylesbury to be recruited by 200 of the new levies of Herts., so that its numbers will be the same as by our former orders. Signed as above, and sent by a gent. of Col. Ayloffe's. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 291. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Militia for Hertford. We have thought fit upon some considerations to withdraw from the garrison of Aylesbury all the forces there belonging to the Earl of Manchester, about 400. We desire you to send thither in their stead 200 of your new levies, and that the residue do march according to your former order. We desire you to hasten your levies of horse, and to send them to Aylesbury so soon as they are raised. Signed, &c., and delivered to themselves. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 292. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge. We have occasion to employ the forces of Col. Ayloffe now at Newport Pagnell, belonging to the Earl of Manchester, for the

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service of Abingdon, and shall supply that garrison with other forces. We desire you to furnish them with the money due so as to enable them to march to that service Signed as above, and sent by John Priestley. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 19. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Kent. The urgency of the service at Abingdon makes us desire you to send what horse and dragoons you can for furtherance thereof. They shall receive State pay from the day of their marching out of their county for that service, which is only to endure two months. Signed as above, and sent to Capt. Skinner to be forwarded. [*Ibid., p.* 295. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 19. 83. Deposition on oath of Hugh Sowdon, of London, merchant. As to the goods taken on board the ship Baytree, of Topsham, which were the property of Roger Skynner, merchant, of Chulmleigh, Devon. [*Endorsed:* "Hugh Sowden's oath for Roger Skinner in the Admiralty." ½ *p.*] *Annexed,*

83. 1. *Certificate by Thos. Smith and John Hill of the price the above goods claimed for Roger Skinner were sold at. Total, less customs, Lord Admiral's tenths, and other charges,* 40*l.* 16*s.* [½ *p.*]

August 20. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir G. Gilbert, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont and Crew. Ordered, 1. That the proposition of the gentlemen from Yorkshire be submitted to the three Generals in the north to take action thereon. 2. That the five last propositions of the Yorkshire gents. be reported to the Commons' House, and that two parts of the 20,000*l.* is to go to the payment of the Scotts' army. 3. To write to Lord Fairfax that when Sir Matthew Boynton shall be employed on the service of the county as sheriff he may have his son's horse to attend him in that service. 4. That Col. Boswell [Bosevile] do attend to-morrow morning. 5. That Sir W. Waller's business in the west be taken first to-morrow. 6. That Sir John Curson do attend to speak with the Committee to-morrow morning. 7. That orders be sent to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton to advance into Devonshire for relief of the Lord General [Essex] and discomfiture of the King's army. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 164, 165.]

August 20. Ilchester. Lieut.-Genl. Sir John Middleton to the Committee of both kingdoms. I sent his Excellency's [the Lord General's] letter to the Governor of Lyme [Regis] to be sent thence by sea. I have, likewise, given his Excellency an account of the strength of this party now under my command, and what additional forces I am to expect from the garrisons of Dorsetshire, and intend from time to time to report my proceedings to him. In obedience to Sir Wm. Waller's order I am suppressing all levies and stopping all provisions in Somersetshire. I have driven Sir Francis Dorrington, with eight other Colonels, to Minehead. They intended, and would have been able in a short time, to have raised their regiments in Somersetshire, and now they have betaken themselves rather to a place to secure themselves than

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to raise forces. I have always parties out towards Devonshire, and am to-morrow to advance to Chard. If I should advance far into Devonshire, besides the danger, the garrisons of Bristol and Bridgwater might both levy men and money. I have from time to time given a particular account of my proceedings to Sir Wm. Waller and shall still. This party now under my command consists of 1,500 horse and near 500 dragoons, and I expect 300 or 400 dragoons more within a day or two under the command of Lieut.-Col. Baker. I have appointed these additional forces of the several garrisons of Dorsetshire to keep rendezvous at Chard on Thursday next. I think their number will be inconsiderable, yet they have promised to send as many as they can conveniently spare. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 175. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 20. Preston. Sir John Meldrum to the same. Finding the passage at Hosket bank so large and the ford to be a mile in breadth, which precluded the possibility of my stopping the enemy on that side of the river, and they being once over, having the advantage of the sea-side, which I could not take from them, I, with the advice of the officers and guides who knew the country, transferred the horse and foot to the other side; resolving, by the advantage of the tide being in, either to force them to fight, drown themselves in the river, or else return back to the north from whence they came. With this resolution I advanced with our horse towards the place, where the enemy stood in battle, and the pursuit of them was interrupted by the breaking of a bridge, which could not be repaired for an hour's space, they having a body of horse which stood firm on the other side of the bridge for [securing] their retreat. During this time, the tide going out, they had a free scope to pass the ford and to march to Ormskirk that night. By reason of a bridge being broken over which we had to pass, it was impossible for our foot to come up in time, neither could they be drawn away any further [from their base] in regard of the scarcity of victuals, want of ammunition for the Cheshire forces, and wearied condition of the horse by three nights' precedent watching. I am upon my march this morning to follow them to the passage at Hale ford, where, if the river continue as it was, they will find a hard passage. I have written to Vice-Admiral Swanley to use all possible means to stop the passage of the ferry-boats of Liverpool. If the passage at Hale ford be any ways difficult, I shall use my best endeavours with the foot to trouble them in their passage, but if the ford be passable it lies not in my power to stop their entry into Cheshire. I have before intimated to you the necessity of employing a great part of the Earl of Manchester's horse in this service. I forbear to publish the reasons, leaving them to your private conjectures. I shall have much to do to draw the Yorkshire and Lancashire forces over into Cheshire, without special command from your Lordships. The enemy's body of foot did not appear to exceed 200 and their horse 2,500, according to reports, very badly armed and horsed, and for the greater part without ammunition. [*Ibid., pp.* 186, 187. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

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August 20. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Huntingdon. In your letter you advertise us that your forces, both horse and foot, are raised completely armed and ready to march, for which we thank you. We desire you to give notice of their readiness to the Earl of Manchester, who has the command and disposition of those forces by order of both Houses, and whose orders you are to obey. We desire you to have regard to those gentlemen whom you have engaged to command those forces, and by some way gratify them for their pains and charges in that service. Signed by Lords Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by a gent. whom it concerned. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 292, 293. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

August 20. Derby House. The same to the Lord Admiral [Warwick]. Since Prince Rupert divided his remaining forces, taking part with him into Cheshire and sending the rest into Cumberland and Westmorland, the Lancashire forces have again in good number taken the field, under the command of Sir John Meldrum. They have made good the pass at Hale ford, where Prince Rupert passed into Cheshire, and hope to hinder the joining again of those forces, and to give a good account of Lancashire in a short time if they be not hindered by the coming over of the Irish. To prevent which we desire your Lordship to send some shipping to those coasts, which may not only hinder the coming over of the rebels, but also the furnishing of Rupert with ammunition, of which he is yet destitute. Also we desire that they may be further assistant to the proceedings of those in Lancashire as there shall be occasion, and that you would send the other ship that was to be by the treaty upon the coasts between Ireland and Scotland. Signed as above, and sent by Gardener, carrying orders to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton from Sir W. Waller. [*Ibid., p.* 293. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 21. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir G. Gerard, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord Admiral's letter of the 16th Aug. be reported to both Houses. 2. That an extract of the Earl of Callender's letter be also reported to the Commons' House. 3. That the answer of the mayor and others of Newcastle to the summons be reported to the Commons. 4. That a sub-committee, composed of Mr. Pierrepont and Mr. Recorder Glynn, be appointed to draft an ordinance to be passed by both Houses concerning Sir W. Waller's command. 5. To write to Col. Ayloffe, to hasten to Abingdon with his forces, and to the Herts. forces to obey their former orders. 6. That a warrant be issued for 400 muskets and bandoleers for Sir W. Waller. 7. That Sir Walter Erle be desired to attend in the afternoon. 8. To write to the Committee of Kent to hasten their forces, as Waller's expedition was staying for their marching up. 9. That a warrant be issued for 100 backs, breasts, and pots, also 100 pair of pistols and one tun of match, for the Governor of Aylesbury. 10. The like for 60 backs, breasts, and

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pots, and 30 pair of pistols, for Capt. Christopher Ennis. 11. That the Committee of the three cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks. be desired to attend this afternoon. 12. That the ordinance now drafted by the sub-committee be presented to both Houses of Parliament. 13. That Mr. Pierrepont and three others do draft a letter to the Lord General [Essex], representing the inconveniences feared by this Committee if his army should join with Sir Wm. Waller, and desiring him not to give order for their joining but upon manifest necessity. 14. That it be reported to the Commons that 5,000*l.* of the sum voted for Sir W. Waller's army is already paid, and another 5,000*l.* promised in a few days. That the House be desired to hasten the payment of that and of the other 5,000*l.* 15. The like, that Sir W. Waller's forces will march out of Abingdon in a few days, so soon as those appointed to go thither shall come up. 16. The like, that they have written to the Committee of Kent to send away their forces with all expedition, and that the House be desired to write to the same effect. 17. That the Committee at the Savoy be desired to be here this afternoon concerning their horse. 18. That 100 of the City horse, as appointed by ordinance of 12th July, do start for Abingdon to-morrow. 19. That the paper concerning the ship of Hartlepool presented by the Scotch Commissioners be reported to the House of Commons. Afternoon.—Ordered, 20. That Lord Say and Mr. Pierrepont be desired to deal with the Earl of Denbigh for his horse to go to Abingdon. 21. That the desire of some gentlemen of Derbyshire for association of that county with Yorkshire and the northern counties [be considered]. 22. That Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe be desired to lend to the Committee of cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks. 100 muskets, which are again to be made good to him. 23. That the Militia do give order to the sub-committee within the lines of communication to send away their horse to Abingdon, as appointed by ordinance of 12 July. 24. To write to the King of Portugal in favour of the continuance of free trade. 25. Warrant to Sir Walter Erle to send 100 shot for one demi-cannon and 2 whole culverins, 10 barrels of musket bullets, and 7 cwt. of match to Thos. Wright, to be forwarded to Aylesbury and thence to Banbury. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 165–167.]

August 21. Ormskirk. Sir John Meldrum to the Committee of both kingdoms. Since the conclusion of my former letter I have succeeded in driving the enemy from their quarter at Ormskirk, and forced them to take the field within one mile of the town upon a moor, where both bodies of horse being ranged in order at 8 p.m. they were in their flight so hardly pursued by our horse that many were killed, and some prisoners of quality taken, which is the first act of the scene; the second will be played to-morrow, if Prince Rupert does not enter upon the stage and interrupt the game. I am not able to give you an exact account at once, the fields not having been as yet viewed since the combat, but by report of some officers the enemy's loss is great in men, horses, and arms. After a view of the fields about daybreak I resolve to march to the passage at

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Hale ford, which Prince Rupert has viewed, within these two days upon a resolution to enter into Lancashire if his friends had been interrupted in their passage at Hosket bank. My best endeavour shall not be wanting either for the stopping of that conjunction, or pulling down that ravenous vulture which has wrought so much mischief in this kingdom. Lord Byron was unhorsed, and Lord Mollineux's horse taken, and it is not as yet known whether he be dead or alive. Upon the next occasion you may expect a longer letter, I shall only for the present humbly entreat that the successes here do not slacken, but rather hasten, the supplies of the Earl of Manchester's, or such other body of horse as you may draw to join with us in Cheshire. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 178, 179. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

August 21. Abingdon. Major-Genl. R. Browne to the same. At my first coming hither and since, I confess to have found very civil respect from Col. Holborne and many more, but from others here, without any offence given by myself or officers, we have been treated with contempt, so gross and public, that for their honours as my own I am forced to call it to account, and should do it otherwise were I not resolved to trample on all [other] interests for the public cause. The Warwickshire forces marched home this day about noon, according to your orders of the 17th inst., taking with them the three great pieces of ordnance, 15 barrels of gunpowder for cannon, and 5 of musket powder, with other things necessary for that proportion. I have also sent the mortar piece with my fire-master, together with all necessaries belonging to it, by directions from Viscount Saye. I appointed Col. Vandrosse's [Vandrusque's] regiment of horse to convoy them to Aylesbury, the rather that I might be a little freed from the hourly complaints of the poor country almost ruined by his soldiers, retaining others by me, whom I hope will obey orders and stand me in some stead. Whereas you were informed that provisions come not in to Waller's soldiers here, I do believe it true, but that is not through default of me or my officers. It having been one of my first acts here to send for Waller's provand-master, who being at London, I appointed his deputies to consult with mine, and to divide the hundreds equally [between us], both for ease of the country and our advantage; but they peremptorily refused such order, and do notwithstanding take their own courses, whereby the country becomes both unable and unwilling to assist either through such double commands. My soldiers by this means are in great straits, and unless the Committee sit here to raise money and lay an equal tax on the country, we shall suddenly be reduced to very pinching necessities. My endeavours, however, while I stay here, shall be to serve your Honours and this kingdom with what is most dear to me, but am forced to beg again that I may be called hence, not being able to command men without constant pay. I expected the country would have supplied me horses, men, and money. But as I never was since my coming hither, so I see no probability of being, in a posture to offend the enemy or defend ourselves. And as you conceived the forces that

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were here not able to keep this garrison of themselves, so neither are we without a supply. I humbly submit these things to your consideration. [*Ibid., pp.* 187, 188. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

August 21. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I have received yours by Major Harrison, and humbly thank you for the notice you were pleased to take of the services lately done by the forces under my command. I shall desire to do my utmost in discharge of that trust the Parliament has been pleased to honour me with, and I trust that God will bless the endeavours of your servants. I received to-day news of the surrender of Wingfield Manor upon composition, so as I hope I shall now have my forces together to refresh and recruit themselves, and be ready for any further service you shall command. In obedience to your last letters I will prepare to send a party into Cheshire. But before I send them away I will consult with the Committees of Derby and Nottingham to know what assistance they will give, their counties being now freed by the taking of these garrisons. I will occasionally inform you of the occurrences of these parts. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 16. *Ibid., p.* 189. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 21. Plymouth Sound. Lord Admiral Warwick to the same. I received yesterday a packet from Capt. Moulton, Admiral of Ireland, with diverse letters and papers enclosed, which I transmit to you that the same may be communicated to the Parliament. They set forth the state of Ireland and some resolutions taken by the Protestants there. In Capt. Moulton's letters to myself I find the following particulars of public importance,—That he has sent two of his ships to the south of Ireland, and two vessels laden with coal and corn; that two ships of small draught with 12 guns will be required to secure Youghall, and a nimble ship or two to make good Cork and Kinsale, the charge whereof, he conceives, may be made good by some ships belonging to the enemy's ports, which, as he is advised, have order to touch there before their adventuring to England; that Lord Esmonde has seized a Wexford man-of-war which came in thither with her flag in the maintop as Admiral of Ireland, and taken her guns out of her for the better defence of Duncannon Castle; that the Earl and Countess of Derby are at the Isle of Mann, and have promised respect to the Parliament's ships; that Barstable [Barnstaple] is in some straits by want of ammunition; that Col. Gerard has marched out of Pembrokeshire with 500 of the best horse, which leaves those parts in some quiet; and that the ships' provisions are near expended, so that without a speedy supply they will not be able to do much more service in any of these affairs. For more particulars I refer you to the enclosed, adding my humble advice that supplies be hastened into Ireland, without which those who have engaged themselves in opposition to the cessation may suffer many straits, and the opportunity thereby offered for reducing that kingdom and making good [use] of the Adventurers' disbursements may be disappointed. [*Ibid., pp.* 202, 203. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

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August 21. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Ayloffe. We hope, according to our former orders, you are with your forces upon the march toward Abingdon, but not having heard from you, and knowing the immediate departure of Sir W. Waller's forces from thence require your being there with all expedition, we require that you will march without delay according to your directions, and send us word by bearer how far you are advanced on your march. Signed by Lords Wharton and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Butler. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 294. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 21. Derby House. The same to Col. Martyn. There is great necessity of Sir W. Waller's present march from Abingdon, and of those forces to come thither as ordered. We therefore desire that those of your garrison of Aylesbury appointed for that service may be made ready to march at once according to our former direction. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 21. The like letter to the Committee of Hertford. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

August 21. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have received from the Yorkshire gentlemen here in London the proposition enclosed which we commend, with the state of that county, to your care. We desire that by intelligence to be held with the Earl of Leven and Lord Fairfax, to whom we have written, you would arrange such course to be taken therein as may seem fit to you who are nearer the place. Signed by Lords Say and Maitland, and sent by the post at night. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., pp.* 15, 16. *Ibid., p.* 295. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 21. The like letter, *mutatis mutandis,* sent to the Earl of Leven. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

August 21. The like to Ferd. Lord Fairfax with this clause. We also recommend to you that, when Sir Matthew Boynton shall come into the county [of York] to attend his office of sheriff, he may be assisted in the execution of the services of that county by his son's regiment of horse. [*Ibid. Minute. 5 lines.*]

August 22. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Committee of the Navy be desired to provide ships to transport the 500 soldiers, that were lately in Wareham, from Portsmouth to Munster in Ireland. 2. That the Committee will write to Cambridge for money to pay the forces in Aylesbury, which are to march under Lieut.-Col. Sadler to Abingdon so soon as the forces under Col. Ayloffe shall come to Aylesbury, or at latest on Saturday morning, notice being given to Major-Genl. Browne that he may furnish a convoy. That Sadler do retain the command of these forces until the Earl of Manchester's pleasure be known. 3. To write to Major-Genl. Browne communicating the above arrangement for the march of Lieut.-Col. Sadler to Abingdon, as also that the Essex regiment is to come thither. 4. To write to

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the Herts. Committee to send 300 men of their [quota of] 500 to Amersham by Saturday to march with Lieut.-Col. Sadler. 5. That Sir W. Waller be desired to give orders to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton to march into Devonshire for the relief of the Lord General [Essex] and distress of the King's army. 6. That a copy of the answer of the Gloucestershire Committee to Col. Massie's propositions be delivered to him, and for answer [of this Committee] to his propositions there be delivered as followeth:—1, that so soon as other forces come to Abingdon then his forces with Sir W. Waller shall return; 2, that concerning the Earl of Stamford's regiment this Committee will report it to the House; the other part of this proposition is answered by the paper given in by the Committee of Gloucester; 3, the Committee of Wilts. do not conceive that they have done anything in prejudice to the votes of the Commons, whereby the chief command of the garrison of Malmesbury was settled upon Col. Massie, but being informed of the great sums levied in Wilts. and the destitution of Malmesbury garrison, they gave order to Col. Devreux for raising 1,000*l.* for the present necessity of that garrison until a Committee could be sent thither to whom the only power of raising [money] is given by the ordinance of Parliament; 4, answered by the paper of the Gloucestershire Committee; 5, this proposition is to be reported to the House; 6, the Committee does not expect any of his forces at Evesham; 7, that he is to expect the resolution of the Parliament, and in the meantime so to order things as may be most for the safety of the garrison and county; 8, this is answered in the paper of the Gloucestershire Committee, and, according to their opinion, the Committee will give order in it. 7. That Capt. Aylworth's [Ailesworth's] troop of horse shall be incorporated with the regiment of Col. Massie, Governor of Gloucester. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 167–169.]

August 22. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. Sir W. Waller marches speedily with all his forces from Abingdon westward to the assistance of the Lord General [Essex]. We hear that Sir Chas. Gerard and Sir Baynham Throckmorton have marched with their forces out of Wales to this side Bath. Sir Francis Dorrington has 1,000 horse, and when Sir W. Waller has passed them, they may join and be able to levy men to raise the siege at Basing [House] and to remove the Parliament forces now at Abingdon, either of which will be of very ill consequence. We have, therefore, written to the Committee in Essex to send their new regiment to Abingdon, understanding from them that as yet they had no direction from you. These and your other forces are there as part of your army and to be joined with it when this emergency is over. We hope affairs in the north may so prosper that you may come with your army near Oxford, and then this regiment will be in readiness for you, and in the meantime kept from a long march backward and forward. Sent by post. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 17. *Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 297, 298. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

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August 23. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir W. Waller, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Browne. Ordered, 1. That Sir W. Waller be empowered to seize horses to mount his musketeers in such places about Abingdon or Oxford as are under the King's power. 2. To intimate this to Major-Genl. Browne and to the Committee of the three cos. [Oxon., Bucks., and Berks.]. 3. That Mr. Prideaux be desired to settle a post from hence to Lyme [Regis], for better maintaining intelligence with the western parts. 4. That in answer to the certificate and desire of the Committee of Adventurers for lands in Ireland sitting at Grocers' Hall, it be recommended to them to give satisfaction to Mr. Gilbert for his pains in keeping the goods and arms provided for Ireland. 5. To write to Major-General Browne, communicating to him the order given to Sir W. Waller about mounting his musketeers. 6. The like to the Committee of the three cos. [Oxon., Bucks., and Berks.]. That the letters concerning the expedition of the British and Scotch forces in Ireland, and the two declarations of the Irish be reported to the Houses of Parliament, and that it be recommended to the Commons to expedite the propositions of the officers of the British regiments in Ulster. 7. That Col. Massie do march to Bristol to assist Sir W. Waller, and so prevent the raising of the siege of Basing [House]. That he certify this Committee when he comes to Gloucester of the best way to send the prisoners to Ireland. 8. That Col. Whetham do accompany the forces which are to go to Banbury from Northampton. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 169, 170.]

August 23. York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the Committee of both kingdoms. I am informed from the north that the Scottish army goes prosperously on against Newcastle. And those forces which I sent into Lancashire under Sir John Meldrum, with those gathered in the county, have given a defeat to the enemy and taken Preston; a copy of Sir John's letter I enclose. The small forces I have here are employed in several places in this county, before Pontefract, Knaresborough, Scarborough, and Helmsley, rather to restrain their incursion upon the country than any hopes I have to take them; yet I have at Helmsley 700 foot and 300 horse, which are grown so close to the Castle, as I have most hopes to prevail there the soonest, though I find it very strong, and, am informed, well stored with ammunition and victuals. The great necessity this army has of clothes and money will make it altogether unserviceable, if we have not supply in a very short time, the soliciting whereof I have recommended unto some gentlemen, who are lately gone from hence to your Lordships. I humbly entreat some supply, the better to give encouragement to the soldiers to go on in the work we have in hand. [*Interregnum*, 16 *E., p.* 190. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

August 23. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-Genl. Browne. We wrote to you formerly to send a convoy for the forces of Col. Ayloffe, and those at Aylesbury, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Sadler. We have now given order to the same Lieut.-Col. to

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begin his march upon Saturday morning towards Abingdon with those forces there, if Col. Ayloff shall not be come thither upon Friday night. He is to acquaint you what way he is to march, upon knowledge whereof we desire you to send him a sufficient convoy. Sir Wm. Waller's forces being to remove speedily from Abingdon we have given order to the new levied regiment of Essex to march thither, which regiment is [now] ready to march. Sent by Mr. Potter at night. P.S.—Upon advice had with the three counties we have appointed Sir W. Waller to take up horses for mounting his musketeers, out of such places about Abingdon and Oxford as are under the power of the King's forces, which we thought fit to intimate to you. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 296. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 23. Derby House. The same to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton. We are appointed by both Houses to send you the order enclosed, whereby you will understand what their pleasure is, and we desire you to put it in execution accordingly. We thank you for the good service which you have done since your going forth, both at Wareham and against Sir Francis Dorrington and elsewhere. We desire that you will frequently certify us of your proceedings. Sent by Bulmer at night. [*Ibid., pp.* 296, 297. *Copy* = ⅓ *p.*]

August 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge. We have appointed the forces at Aylesbury under the command of Lieut.-Col. Sadler to march with other forces to Abingdon. For better performance of this service they desire payment of their arrears, having much money due to them. We desire you immediately to furnish them so far as may enable them to that service, which has already suffered much by the delay of those appointed to it. [*Ibid., p.* 297. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 23. 84. [Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral] to Roger Griffith, appointing him muster-master of the squadron designed for guard of the Irish seas, and specifying the duties of his office. [*Damaged by damp. Copy.* 1 *p.*]

[August 24.] 85. Petition of Thomas Eles to the Committee of the Commons for Reprisals. That petitioner hath always been very active for the Parliament's service, having during the siege of Exeter been a constant attendant on Captain Samuel Crocker and his company of soldiers, furnishing them with arms, ammunition and pay, himself never being allowed any pay, and keeping accounts thereof, besides having often hazarded his life insomuch that he had a horse killed under him in the service; he was also employed in assisting to carry Samuel Isaack, town clerk of Exeter, to his prison on shipboard. He was forced for safety, being sought after by the Cavaliers to be apprehended, and having a plaint in Court entered against him by the said Isaack for wrongful imprisonment, to fly towards France, carrying such commodities as he could procure, which, with his person, were surprised by the Parliament's ships, and since sold by the Commissioners for the State's use. Prays

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the money his goods yielded may be restored to him. [1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

85. I. *Certificate of Tho. Smith and John Hill, receivers of reprisal goods, to the same. According to your order of August* 24 *ult., we have perused our accounts and find Thos. Eles' goods were sold, less customs, Lord Admiral's tenths and other charges, at* 26*l.* 2*s.* [¾ *p.*]

85. II. *Deposition of Thomas Eles, merchant, of Exeter, as to what goods of his were taken on board the Rainbow of Topsham by Captains Plunket, Jordan, and others. August* 19, 1644. [Endorsed: "*Thomas Eles' oath in the Admiralty Court.*" ½ *p.*]

August 24. 86. Petition of Adam Bennet in behalf of Samuel Crocker of Exeter, merchant, to the same. Describes the efforts and sufferings of Samuel Crocker in the cause of the Parliament. He hath a part in two barks, and divers goods to a good value, which were surprised by the Parliament's ships on the seas. Prays that the said goods and ships may be restored to Crocker or he be recompensed for the same. [1 *p.*] *Annexed,*

86. I. *Certificate by Tho. Smith and John Hill, Receivers of Reprisals, to this Committee, making report of the value of the goods belonging to Crocker taken in the Francis of Jersey by Captain Thomas Jones some* 12 *months since, viz.,* 143*l.* 18*s.* 8*d. The price at which they were sold in Poole for the service of the State. Total* 61*l.* 16*s* [1 *p.*]

86. II. *The like by the same to the same, of the goods belonging to Crocker, seized in various ships, and of the price at which they were sold. Total net, after paying customs, Lord Admiral's tenths, &c.,* 219*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* [1 *p.*]

86. III. *Deposition of Adam Bennet and Thomas Eles of Exeter, merchants, as to the interest and goods of Samuel Crocker in the various vessels named that were seized by the Parliament's ships,* 19 *August* 1644. [Endorsed: "*Adam Bennet for Samuel Croker, oath in the Admiralty* [*Court*]." 1¼ *p.*]

August 24. 87. Order of the House of Commons, upon Mr. Scawen's report, from the Committee appointed to consider of the office of the Ordnance. That the Committee for accounts of the kingdom shall take the accounts of the Officers of the Ordnance upon oath, for all money which has come into their hands, also of all arms and ammunition by them delivered out of the stores. [½ *p.*]

August 24. 88. Bond of Thos. Blechenden of London, S. T. P., Robert Crane of Whitecross-street, and Richard Blechenden of Paternoster-row, in 500*l.* to the Serjeant-at-Arms, John Hunt, conditioned that Dr. Thos. Blechenden shall not go above three miles from London without consent of the Committee for Prisoners. [*Three seals, Latin and English.* 1 *p.*]

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August 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Wharton and Warriston, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir A. Hazelrigg, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Browne, and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. That it be returned in answer to the Committee of the three cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks. that this Committee will write to Herts. to supply the absence of Lieut.-Col. Sadler's forces at Aylesbury, and that for the pay of these forces it is determined by the Ordinance. 2. That this Committee will write to Aylesbury for continuance of those gunners and matrosses in service who were formerly employed there, and they think fit that Lieut.-Col. Sadler after performance of the service of Abingdon do return to Aylesbury. 3. To write to the Warwickshire forces to march to Banbury there to join the forces of Northampton for that service. 4. To write to the Committee of Essex informing that the intention of the former order was that they should march both horse and foot, and to write the same to the Earl of Manchester. 5. That 200 of the 500 Herts.' foot do march to Aylesbury according to former orders. 6. That if Sir Hugh Cholmeley will not agree to the restitution of the ships and cannon taken from the Parliament, but insists upon the pardon of certain officers conditional to [sur]rendering the castle and town, then it be left to Lord Fairfax to grant his desires. 7. That the petition of Sir Heards [Hardress] Waller be considered when the business of Ireland shall be taken into consideration, and that the Secretaries put this Committee in mind thereof. 8. That Major Humphreys be appointed to the Kentish regiment, with which the Committee of Kent to be acquainted and to send their forces to Farnham. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 171.]

August 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Kent. We have often signified to you the necessity of Sir W. Waller's speedy marching into the west for the assistance of the Lord General [Essex] which is retarded by reason of the non-marching of your forces. We therefore desire you, with all expedition, to send your forces to the rendezvous appointed by Sir W. Waller at Farnham. We have made choice of Major Humfreys to be major of that regiment. Sent by John Priestley at 10 at night. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *p.* 298. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 24. Derby House. The same to the Earl of Manchester. We wrote to you formerly that we had given order to the Committee of Essex to march to Abingdon with their new regiment, the forces of Sir W. Waller being to remove from thence speedily and to be employed in the west for the assistance of the Lord General. This day we received a letter from that Committee desiring more clearly to understand our orders, to whom we have written that our intentions were that they should march both horse and foot to Abingdon, wherewith we thought fit to acquaint you. We have also given order to 300 of the Herts. forces to march to Abingdon, and the remaining 200 to Aylesbury to supply the absence of Lieut.-Col. Sadler's forces whom we have sent to Abingdon. Signed by Lords Wharton and

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Maitland, and sent by Rouland Faukeard at 10 p.m. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 17, 18. *Ibid., p.* 299. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 24. Derby House. The same to the commanders and officers of the forces of Warwickshire at Aylesbury. Whereas the forces of Northampton are now engaged before Banbury for reducing it to the obedience of King and Parliament, we desire you to march thither to take part in that service with all the forces under your command. Sent by Binding. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 24. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Essex. We have received yours of the 23rd instant, and thank you for your great readiness to advance the public service. The intention of our last was that you should cause to march both horse and foot for Abingdon, wherewith we will acquaint the Earl of Manchester. We desire you to use all expedition on the march thither, the forces of Sir W. Waller being destined to march thence into the west to assist the Lord General. Sent by a messenger of their own. [*Ibid., p.* 300. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Aug. 26. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir W. Waller withdraw his forces and train of artillery if he shall think good from Abingdon, and dispose of them for the expedition to the west. 2. To acquaint Major-General Browne therewith. 3. That the letter from Newport to the Earl of Pembroke be reported to the Commons, and the particulars therein desired be recommended to the House from this Committee. 4. That the Earl of Pembroke be thanked for his care in raising 500 foot in the Isle of Wight, and informed that this Committee has recommended the particulars in his letter [to the Commons]. 5. That the paying of excise and 3 months' interest upon the 10,000*l.* worth of cloth to be sent to the Scottish army be referred to the consideration of the Committee at Goldsmiths' Hall. 6. To write to the Herts. Committee to hasten their 200 foot to Aylesbury and the other 300 to Abingdon. 7. That the ordinance [ordnance] offered by Alderman [Wm.] Gibbs be reported to the Commons. 8. Mem.—That Col. Jones, with some of the Deputy Lieutenants and Committee of Surrey, be desired to be here in the afternoon. 9. That it be recommended to the Committee of Militia to lend four drakes of the 3 or 4 lbs. bullet to Sir Wm. Waller, and this Committee will take care, should the City forces have occasion to draw out, that they may be supplied with better pieces. 10. That the letters from the Committee of both kingdoms residing in the Scottish army be taken into consideration, and to return answer thereunto. 11. That Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Darley do attend this afternoon. 12. That the letter from Col. Sydenham be sent to the Committee of the West, and their advice desired thereupon. 13. That Lieut.-Col. Underwood be warned to be at this Committee in the afternoon, and a positive command laid upon him

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to march presently. 14. That it be seriously recommended to the Commons House to give a speedy answer to the propositions of the British officers in Ulster. 15. Mem.—Leave given to deliver certain papers concerning the business of his Association to the Earl of Denbigh. Afternoon.—Ordered, 16. That 400 foot from Farnham be sent to Sir Wm. Waller, and that the Eastern and Middle Divisions of Surrey do each pay 400*l.* towards the forces of Farnham, and that they be informed that, if the Western Division do not make payment of their proportion, this Committee will report them to the Commons House. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 172, 173.]

August 26. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. According to your command I prepared a considerable party of horse and dragoons to send into Cheshire, and consulted with the Nottingham and Derby Committees what numbers they could afford in conjunction with those whom I should send, but I find that they are not able to give any assistance at all. I find likewise, by letters from Sir John Meldrum, that the Lancashire forces, being a very great body and having done very considerable services lately, in routing the forces of the enemy, are not willing to come out of their own county. I have received this day intelligence from Sir Wm. Brereton and others that Prince Rupert is marching southward. Of these things I thought fit to give you an account, and to know your further pleasure, whether you will have those horse which I send to march on into Cheshire notwithstanding these advertisements, and that there can be no assistance expected from Derby and Notts. Whatever you command shall be obeyed. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 18, 19. *Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 191. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 26. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Ferd. Lord Fairfax. We have sent you enclosed our answer to the propositions made by Sir Hugh Cholmley concerning the rendition of the town and castle of Scarborough, but if, according to our desire, he will not agree to the restitution of such ships and cannon in them as have been taken from any persons for their adherence to the cause of both kingdoms, and insists on the pardon of some officers, so that without the same he will not surrender the town and castle, we leave it to you to grant his desire concerning the ships and cannon mentioned in the ninth article, and the pardon of some officers mentioned in the eleventh article, and because there may be some things emergent in the management of this business concerning smaller matters, we leave it to you who are on the spot to do therein as you shall think fit. We recommend this business to you, that it may be put in execution with all possible expedition. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 300, 301. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

August 26. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. We have often acquainted you with the necessity of hastening 300 of your foot to Abingdon and 200 to Aylesbury, for supplying the absence of Lieut.-Col. Sadler, who is already marched to Abingdon; notwithstanding we do not hear that you have sent any to Abingdon, and

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only 75 to Aylesbury. We must require your speedy compliance as the forces of Sir W. Waller are to march into the west, to assist the Lord General. Sent by Mr. Butler on the 27th, about noon. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 301. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 26. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. This Committee, understanding that Col. Ayloffe and Lieut.-Col. Sadler are before this advanced to Abingdon, have given order to Sir W. Waller to withdraw from thence all his forces and train of artillery and to dispose of them as he shall think most fit for the expedition to the west, wherewith we have though fit to acquaint you, that you might be in readiness upon their marching out to dispose of the forces under your command as shall be most expedient for the present service. Sent by John Priestley, the 27th, at noon. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 301, 302. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

August 26. Derby House. The same to the Committees of Surrey, Sussex, and Hants. We hear that your horse raised out of your Association now with Lieut.-Gen. Middleton are in great want of money, which the more discourages them as they hear that other forces are paid while they are neglected. We desire you to provide money forthwith that it may be ready to go along with Sir W. Waller, who is to advance westward. We hope you will use your utmost endeavours to advance a work which so much concerns the good of the kingdom and the safety of your county and Association. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 302. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 26. 89. Petition of Francis Lippingcott, of Exeter, merchant, to the House of Commons. Petitioner hath ever stood right in his affections to the Parliament. Certain Parliament ships have lately taken two ships, the Baytree, of Topsham, bound to St. Malo, and the Mary, bound from St. Malo to Topsham, in both which petitioner had goods to a great value, the loss whereof will tend to the undoing of him and his family. Prays his goods taken in the said ships may be restored him, or the proceeds thereof. [½ *p.*] *Annexed,*

89. I. *Certificate by Thos. Smith and John Hill, Receivers of Reprisals, to the Committee for Reprisals, of the price for which the goods belonging to Lippingcott taken in the above ship were sold. Total, less customs, Lord Admiral's tenths, &c.,* 501*l.* [1 *p.*]

89. II. *Deposition of Henry Sweet, merchant, of London, specifying what goods belonging to Lippingcott were taken on board the Baytree and Mary, as above. August* 26, 1644. [Endorsed: *Francis Leppingcott oath in the Admiralty Court.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 27. Order of the Lords and Commons in Parliament. The carrying on of the war with Ireland is referred to the Committee of both kingdoms at Derby House, with power to appoint sub-commissioners out of the Adventurers for Ireland. [*Interregnum, Vol.* 6 *E.*, *p.* 6. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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August 27. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, and Maitland, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the pressing occasions for supplying the forces in Ulster and Munster be earnestly recommended to the [Commons] House, and for the gaining of time. 2. That the Commons would be pleased to give order that the Committee of Adventurers of London [for lands in Ireland] or their sub-committee may sit daily until some course be taken for the speedy relief of those parts; and that it be made known in all the parish churches within the lines of communication and bills of mortality that the said Committee is to meet on Thursday at 8 a.m. and there sit daily. 3. That the letters concerning the business of Ireland be reported to the Commons. 4. That Mr. Coytmore's paper concerning the supply of the Lord Admiral with a month's victuals be recommended to the Committee of the Navy. Afternoon.—Ordered, 5. Mem.—That the Earl of Northumberland acquainted this Committee with two letters from Lord Paget, one to himself and the other to Wm. Earl of Bedford. 6. To write to Col. Stapley to send 300 foot to such rendezvous as Sir W. Waller shall appoint, and to the Governor of Arundel for 100 foot, and horses to mount them. 7. To write to Waller to appoint a rendezvous for these forces, and to continue Mr. Gunton his engineer at Abingdon. 8. To desire the Committee of the Navy not to dispose of the ship or goods lately sent from Hartlepool, called the Edward, master Richard Lysame, without acquainting this Committee. 9. To write to the Earl of Manchester, sending information received from Sir Wm. Brereton and Sir John Meldrum, and to recommend him to prevent that growing mischief. 10. To write to Sir John Meldrum and Sir Wm. Brereton, acquainting them herewith and congratulating [them on] their good success. 11. To write to the Earl of Leven and the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army], acquainting them that their letter sent by Lord Homby [Adam Hepburn laird of Hombie] and Mr. Hatcher was reported to the House, and that the Commons had spent much time about the two particulars of religion and peace contained in their letter and made good progress therein. 12. That the Earl of Manchester's letter be reported to the House. 13. That in answer to the certificate and desire of the Committee of Adventurers for and in Ireland sitting at Grocers' Hall concerning Mr. Gilbert, it be recommended to them to remunerate him for keeping the arms and goods provided for Ireland as they shall think fit. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 173–175.]

August 27. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. This day came to us Col. Ayloffe and Lieut.-Col. Sadler with about 600 men. I have quartered them at Marcham, two miles hence and seven from Oxford, with a guard of horse, till Sir Wm. Waller's forces march hence. I am forced to continue the story of our wants of money, without which I believe our soldiers will very shortly drop all away; at least 100 being gone within two or three days

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past. I desire a strict course may be taken for their punishment and return. The rest threaten and are resolved to be gone without money, although they be hanged when they come to London. Provision will not satisfy them, for when they have bread and cheese they sell it for a third part of the value to make money. Our need of a supply of ammunition also is very great, whereof I have already acquainted you. Lieut.-Col. Bradley is now come from Newbury to demand some here, but I have not [sufficient] for myself. I have also acquainted you with our wants of horse, we having but two troops, to fetch in provision and to keep our guards towards Wallingford, Oxford, and elsewhere. If Sir Michael Livesay's regiment be taken hence, we shall not be able in any sort to stay here. The great desire of the country is that an equal tax may be laid on them weekly or otherwise, which they had rather do in that manner than have all taken from them by the unruly soldiers under pretence of want of money. I humbly offer these things to your serious consultations, desiring to hear from you in the premises. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 191, 192. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

August 27. Lincoln. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I have received your letter which mentions your commanding the Essex forces to march to Abingdon. All your commands are very willingly obeyed by me. The propositions which were tendered to you by the gentlemen from Yorkshire concerning raising more forces in that county I think very fitting and have given advice to Lord Fairfax to the same effect. The condition of those parts is such that they have not only opportunity to raise men but means to defray the charge. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 19. *Ibid., p.* 193. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 27. Farnham. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I presume you have before this received my letter, directed to the Solicitor General, with the enclosed from Col. Holborne, whereby you may perceive how I am blocked up with faggots at Abingdon. I cannot doubt but that you will take it into your noble consideration to free me from that captivity. I have this evening received informations, some from the King's army, others from Basing, [signifying] so much of the weak condition of both, as it much inflames me to go on, if I may be speedily supplied with [sufficient] force. I presume to acquaint you with a business wherein my reputation is so far engaged, that I must be a suitor to you for my vindication. I took the boldness some days since to acquaint you with the coming up of Mr. Finch, of Worcestershire, to London to see me under the protection of my safe conduct, in compliance with your instructions, and how he was arrested upon a warrant from Mr. Corbett. I had those orders from you to sound him, how far he might be drawn to do you service, and find him very ready to give demonstration of his fidelity to the Parliament. He offers to make Sir John Wintour relinquish his fortified house in the Forest of Dean, which would be of very good consequence to Gloucester, and the Welsh side abutting upon that county, and to draw off Col. [Samuel] Sandys, of Worcestershire, and other gentlemen of quality, with whom he has interest there to the

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side of the Parliament. Upon this I spoke to Mr. Corbett and Sergeant Wilde to grant Mr. Finch a present release, that my safe conduct might not be violated. They both promised me very fair, but so soon as I was out of town they laid their command on Mr. Finch not to walk the streets with his wonted freedom, and commanded his attendance upon the Committee. My Lords, this is so contrary to my pledged faith that I cannot but think myself infinitely concerned in it, and must beg his instant release. I am the more importunate in this as it concerns your service; for I must never expect to be trusted in any treaty, if I suffer a safe conduct under my hand to be violated. I have no more to add. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 193–195. *Copy* = 2 *pp.*]

August 27. Lostwithiel. Robert Earl of Essex to the same. I must acknowledge your care in sending Col. Middleton for the present and Sir Wm. Waller to follow, and likewise for sending money and victuals for the soldiers. But had I known that Waller, who was to attend the King's army, had wanted either power or will to have a care of it, no persuasions of those who are interested in these counties should have engaged me so far in a country so ill-affected to the Parliament. What helps soever we may have from man, God's mercy has been infinitely showed in giving us the better in all skirmishes we have had, both with horse and foot, and to crown all the blessings (when we should have been ruined by treachery), it was God's providence that prevented it, without the help of man. When 60 barrels of gunpowder, of the 100 you sent last, were to be brought from the bay an attempt was made by placing lighted matches in the waggons to explode the powder, but neither of them fired. That morning the enemy drew out great bodies of horse and foot ready to fall on us when their devilish design should have taken effect, but a cooper belonging to the train of artillery in searching the waggons found them. Our duty here is so great that, if the enemy do not draw off or we receive succour speedily, we shall be put to great extremities, spending much ammunition and match, which we cannot afford, besides the fatigue of the soldiers, many of them not having been relieved for eight days. If we were in a country where we could force the enemy to fight it would be some comfort, but this country "consists so much upon passes" that he who can subsist longest must have the better of it, which is a great grief to me, who have the command of so many gallant men. My Lords, I am sorry I have no discourse more pleasing. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 195, 196. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

August 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. Upon information given us that 300 foot could be spared from the garrison of Chichester and 100 from Arundel, we have written to the governors thereof forthwith to send them to such rendezvous as you shall appoint, and that with them, or speedily after them, may be sent as many horses to mount them as can be raised, and we desire you to give them orders accordingly. We hear that your engineer, Mr. Gunton, began the works at Abingdon, and as he is

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the fittest to perfect them we desire you to continue him still there. Sent. by Mr. Binding. [*Interregnum* 18 *E.*, *pp.* 302, 303. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

August 27. Derby House. The same to Col. Stapley. The House of Commons took into consideration this day the necessity of furnishing assistance to the Lord General's [Essex] army, and suppressing the enemy in the west, the importance of which to our religion and the public safety is visible to you. Information was given that 300 foot might be spared out of your garrison at Chichester for this service, we therefore desire that they may be made ready forthwith to march to the rendezvous to be appointed by Sir W. Waller, from whom they shall receive further orders. You are to send with them or speedily after them as many horses to mount them as you can raise. Sent by Newman at 7 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 303. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 27. The like letter to the Governor of Arundel Castle. To furnish 100 foot. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

August 27. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We send enclosed the informations this day received from Lancashire and Cheshire. We doubt not but, according to our former direction, you have sent a party to join with Sir John Meldrum and Sir Wm. Brereton, and to suppress the forces with Prince Rupert, [and] those from Westmorland. We recommend to your especial care that such a party may be forthwith sent as may prevent this great and growing mischief, and that you would observe the desires in our former letters concerning Prince Rupert's army. Sent by post. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 19, 20. *Ibid.*, *p.* 304. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 27. Derby House. The same to the Gentlemen of the West Division of Surrey. Understanding that the Farnham forces, whereof 400 are presently to march with Sir Wm. Waller, are in great want of money, having large arrears due to them by Surrey, we appealed to those of the East and Middle Divisions of that county to contribute, who promised speedy payment of 400*l.* out of each division, we therefore desire you to hasten the payment of your proportion of the other 400*l.*, which, if not speedily performed, is to be reported to the House [of Commons] that such course may be taken therein as to them shall seem fit. Sent by John Priestley. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 27. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Brereton. We are much gratified by the good success of your army, and return you thanks for your constant care in advancing the public service. We have sent to the Earl of Manchester the information received from you of the access of 2,000 horse from Westmorland, and have required him to send a sufficient party to suppress the forces with Prince Rupert, which we assure ourselves he will carefully observe. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 305. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 27. The like to Sir John Meldrum. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

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August 27. Derby House. The same to the Committee of both kingdoms [residing in the Scottish army] and to his Excellency the Earl of Leven. Having the opportunity of Lord Hombie [Adam Hepburn] and Mr. Hatcher, who have given us great assistance and been very careful in discharging the trust reposed in them, we return you many thanks for your concurrence in public service upon all occasions, and do assure you that, upon receipt of your letter, we immediately recommended to both Houses of Parliament your desires concerning the settling of church government and the peace of both kingdoms. On both which the Houses have bestowed much time and made a good progress. We pray for good success in them, and upon our mutual endeavours for our common safety. We will not fail to give you frequent intelligence. Sent by Lord Homby and Mr. Hatcher. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 28. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To acquaint the Committee of Sussex with the purport of the letters sent yesterday to the Governors of Arundel and Chichester. 2. That Sir Henry Heyman, Capt. Browne, or any other gentlemen of Kent be desired to be here to-morrow morning. 3. Also Mr. Corbett. 4. That the letter from Lieut.-Genl. Middleton be reported to both Houses. 5. That the moving of Manchester's army this way be debated to-morrow. 6. To write to the Committee of Essex hastening the sending of their horse and foot to Abingdon; answer to be returned of their forwardness by this bearer. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 175.]

August 28. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have already signified the coming hither of the Beds. and Herts. forces. Their commanders have been with me this day for a supply of gunpowder, match, and bullet, as they had brought none with them; I have already troubled you with my own wants thereof, and now beg a speedy supply. They already are in want of money, and their soldiers begin to dispute their duty for want of it, so it would be well you gave order to the Committee of their counties to supply them in time. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 197. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 28. Farnham. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I received yours of the 27th present this afternoon, and have despatched away directions to the Governors of Chichester and Arundel to send their several companies mounted to this rendezvous. I have not yet heard of the Kentish regiment nor of their horse and dragoons, but am informed that it would be quickly mounted in Kent if directions were sent down from you. How and when my ragged regiments will get to me from Abingdon I know not. I sent yesterday Col. Holborne's letter to Mr. Solicitor [General], who, I make no question, has communicated it to your Lordships. I pray take a present course that my train [of artillery] may be sent to me, and that the 20 barrels of gunpowder appropriated by Browne may be made

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good cut of the store at London, likewise that Col. Holborne may not be interrupted in what he shall do there [at Abingdon] according to your order, towards mounting my men, most part of them being so weak that I am persuaded they will not be able to march on foot. I want 50 dragoon colours, there being 10 colours to a regiment, 100 dragoon drums, 5,000 belts for their muskets, and 2,000 swords. Be pleased to send your order to the Militia for those four drakes of 3 lbs. bullet and to direct that such of these things as are ready may be immediately sent down hither; the rest may be sent by sea to Weymouth. [*Ibid., pp.* 197, 198. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

August 28. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of Sussex. Our letter of yesterday should have been directed to you as well as to the Governors of Chichester and Arundel Castle. The necessity of assisting the Lord General and suppressing the enemy in the west you know so well as we assure ourselves you will contribute what forces you can to those ends. We are informed that 300 foot can be spared out of Chichester and 100 from Arundel; these we have directed to repair to the rendezvous to be appointed by Sir W. Waller, and because speed is necessary to the achieving of this design, we desire you to send with your foot as many horses to mount them as you can, but we would not have the foot to delay for the horses, which can be sent after them. Sent by Crips at 7 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 306. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 28. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Chelmsford. Believing that the forces of Sir W. Waller have already marched from Abingdon to assist the Lord General [Essex] in the west, we require you to send your forces to Abingdon with all expedition, if they have not already marched. You are to let us understand by this bearer in what forwardness they are. Sent by John Arnold. [*Ibid., pp.* 306, 307. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

August 28. Derby House. The same to the Earl of Manchester. We have herewith sent you copies of the letters to us from the Lord General [Essex], Sir W. Waller, and Col. Middleton, whereby you will understand the condition of our affairs in the west. We perceive by yours of the 26th that you have intelligence that Prince Rupert with his forces is marching southward, which concurs with our informations, and that the Lancashire and Westmorland horse being joined with him, they form a considerable body, which may distress the party with Col. Middleton, and, by calling off that party, will in probability ruin the army with the Lord General. We therefore conceive it most necessary, if Prince Rupert marches upwards, that your Lordship with your whole army do march towards Woodstock, which will be the readiest way to assist our forces in the west, but this we leave to you. We earnestly desire you, notwithstanding any siege or recruiting operations, to march with speed, leaving [only] sufficient forces to secure your Association. If Prince Rupert comes up with his horse only, then we desire your horse may forthwith go on and your foot follow, because in all pro-

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bability the time of relief of the party with Col. Middleton and the Lord General's army will be past before your foot can come up. But if upon good intelligence you find that Prince Rupert with his forces does not march upwards, we desire you will then send a considerable party to join with the Cheshire and other forces. For the remainder of your army, excepting the party sent into Cheshire and those left to secure your Association, we offer this to your consideration, that you march with them speedily to Abingdon, where two of your regiments will be. In which parts we very much want forces and where yours may render great service, besides your recruiting can go on. For this last particular, if you approve of it, we desire you speedily to put it into execution, if not, we desire to hear from you. Sent by Gardner. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 20, 21. *Ibid., pp.* 308, 309. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

August 29. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, the two Vanes, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Browne. Ordered, 1. That Major-General Browne's letter be reported to the Commons. 2. Likewise also his letter of 26th and this Committee's of the same date. 3. That a positive order be sent to Major-General Browne to obey the directions of this Committee, and to deliver to Sir William Waller or his deputy all his train of artillery and not to retard his forces, in particular the Kentish horse to march into the west, and to acquaint him that 100 horse are coming to him from London, and more shall be sent as soon as can be. 4. Warrant for a vat of match to be sent to Abingdon. 5. That some of the Committee of Militia and subcommittees of Westminster and the [Tower] Hamlets be desired to attend in the afternoon, to give account [why] the 200 horse appointed to be raised out of London and Middlesex by the ordinance of both Houses, are not in readiness. 6. That the Committee of the Navy be desired to expend 3,000*l.* in provisions for the Lord General, whereof one third in biscuit, another in oats and beans, and the third 1,000*l.* in handmills, cheese, and freight; also that they provide ships for transport of the same. 7. That report be made to the House for 1,000*l.* for victuals and transport of the garrison of Wareham, who are to go to Ireland. 8. That the vote of 2,000*l.* be made 3,000*l.* for provisions for the Lord General's army. 9. That the Lord General's letter be reported to both Houses. 10. That the information of Mr. Harrington concerning the Prince Elector [Palatine] being at Gravesend be reported to the House [of Commons], and that this Committee understood nothing of his coming before this morning from himself or from any other by his direction. Afternoon.—Ordered, 11. To acquaint the Earl of Manchester with the orders of this Committee given to Sir John Norwich, who is to repair to his Lordship, and, if he shall not obey to cashier him and seize his horse and arms. 12. That Sir John Norwich be desired to attend this Committee to-morrow afternoon.

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13. To write to the Earl of Manchester to come southward if Prince Rupert should move south. 14. That these [instructions] be added to Manchester's letter. In the event of his marching south to leave a sufficient force to guard those parts of his Association from incursions of the enemy from Newark and Belvoir. If Prince Rupert march with horse only, he is to follow him with horse, leaving his foot to come after as they may. If Prince Rupert should not come, then he is to send a considerable party into Cheshire. It is offered to his consideration [whether it would not be well] with the rest of his forces to advance to Abingdon. 15, That the Commons be desired to inform themselves in what readiness the [money] is that is due to Sir W. Waller. 16. That the advice of the Committee of the West sent to this Committee this afternoon concerning the fortifications at Weymouth be incorporated in letters to the Committee of Dorsetshire and Colonel Sydenham. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 175–177.]

August 29. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edward Earl of Manchester. Being informed that Sir John Norwich with his horse had been long without employment, we sent for him and gave him orders to march to Abingdon, but, on his representation that the horse was part of your army, we altered our resolutions and instructed him to march to your Lordship, which he undertook to do very willingly. A month has elapsed since he received our orders, but as they are not performed we desire you to command him speedily to repair to your army and obey such orders as he shall receive from you, which, if he neglects to do, you are to cashier him and take such course as you shall think fit to secure the horse under his command and their arms for the service of the State. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Rowland Faukeard. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd. N. S. xii., pp.* 21, 22. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., pp.* 311, 312. *Copy* = $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

August 29. Derby House. The same to Col. Sydenham [Governor of Weymouth]. We communicated your letter of the 21st inst. to the Committee of the West, and upon advice with them have determined to desire you to finish the fort upon the neck of land, for effecting whereof we have written to the Committee of the county [of Dorset] to provide money and take care to see it victualed for three months for 300 men, while the Committee of the West will send you a good quantity of ammunition. You are to remove from the town [of Weymouth], or secure such as you conceive to be disaffected to the Parliament, and who by their stay might endanger the safety of that place. Signed as above, and sent by Bulmer in the morning of the 30th. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 1. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

August 29. Derby House. The same to the Committee for Dorsetshire. Upon advice with the Committee of the West we have given order to [Col. Sydenham] Governor of Weymouth to finish the fort commenced on the neck of land, for effecting whereof we desire you to provide money and likewise to see it victualed for three months for 300 men, and the Committee of the West will take present course to send thither a

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good quantity of ammunition. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

August 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day, Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, Sir A. Haselrigg, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. That the [Commons] House be desired to give order that their clerks take care to send timely to this Committee all the votes and other business referred to this Committee from the Houses of Parliament. 2. To write to the Lord General [Essex] acquainting him with the order for purchase of provisions to be sent to him, the position of Sir Wm. Waller, and enclosing news from Lancashire. 3. To write to Waller, acquainting him with the directions sent to Major-Genl. Browne and the Committee at Abingdon. 4. The like to Col. [James] Holborne, and that he go to the Committee to desire their assistance. 5. To write to the Committee at Abingdon informing them of the directions given for the marching of Waller's forces and train of artillery, and to desire them to provide carriages. 6. To write to Col. Venn to furnish a convoy to Reading for the ammunition for Major-Genl. Browne. 7. To write to Sir Wm. Brereton to spare 500 foot to maintain the garrisons of Wem and Oswestry in the absence of Sir Thos. Middleton until other forces be raised, and to advertise the Committee of Salop with what he shall do. 8. To send a duplicate of yesterday's letter to Major-Genl. Browne with this addition, that he be desired to furnish carriages and other necessaries for conveyance of Waller's artillery and ammunition. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 177, 178.]

August 30. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir W. Waller. We no sooner received your letters and information of the stay of your forces and artillery made by Major-Genl. Browne at Abingdon, than we wrote both yesterday and to-day again to him that he should forthwith deliver into your hands the train of artillery and ammunition, with all such things as you had left at Abingdon; besides he was to endeavour to furnish carriages and other necessaries to bring all to you. Likewise the Kentish regiment was to march with your horse and foot to such rendezvous as you should appoint. To which effect we have also written to that [the Kentish] Committee to prevent all further delays and to further your expedition into the west, being of so very great consequence. We send enclosed a copy of the Lord General's letter, that having thereby understood the condition he now is in, you may with the more speed and diligence advance your march for this most important service. We desire you to keep up all possible intelligence with the Lord General, and inform us from time to time of your proceedings. Sent by John Arnold at 10 p.m. [*Interregnum* 18 *E., p.* 309. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Brereton. The gentlemen of Salop have informed us that Sir Thos. Middleton will withdraw his forces from Wem and Oswestry, and that then there will not be a considerable strength to keep those garrisons. We desire you to spare 500 foot

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to maintain those garrisons, the importance of which for the safety of your county you well know. We shall not order your forces to come thither because of the strength of the enemy in Chester; but if you can conveniently spare them, send them as soon as you can, informing the Salop Committee of what you have done. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Smithhurst one from Manchester. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 310. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We desire you to deliver into the hands of such persons as Sir W. Waller shall appoint his train of artillery and ammunition left at Abingdon, and endeavour to furnish them with carriages and all other things necessary, to bring them to him, together with their horse and foot; the Kentish regiment are to march to such rendezvous as shall be appointed by Waller. If you will [say] what artillery is necessary for Abingdon we will take care to supply you some from Windsor, but there must be no stay of any of Sir William's, whose speedy expedition into the west is of so great consequence. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Jennings at 9 p.m. P.S.—There will be with you 100 horse, as we hope, before this comes to your hands, and we will take care to send you more as soon as we can. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 310, 311. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to Col. [James] Holborne. We have given order formerly to Major-General Browne, and this day renewed the same [*see preceding entry*], to deliver up Sir Wm. Waller's train of artillery and ammunition left at Abingdon. We have likewise written to the Committee at Abingdon to cause you [Holborne] to be furnished with carriages and all other necessaries, and desire you to repair to them for that object, and to use all expedition in your advance to Waller. Signed and sent as above. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *p.* 2. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Berks., &c. We desire you to cause Col. Holborne to be furnished with carts and carriages for conveyance of the ammunition and train of artillery from Abingdon to Sir W. Waller, this being a service of great consequence. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid.* *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to Col. Venn. There are some ammunition and necessaries for the use of Major-Genl. Browne to be sent to Abingdon, when they shall arrive at Windsor we desire you to see that they be safely conveyed to Reading. Signed as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 3. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

August 30. Derby House. The same to his Excellency [Essex]. We received your letter of the 27th inst., and have given order for preparing 3,000*l.* worth of provisions to be sent to you, viz., 1,000*l.* worth of biscuit, 1,000*l.* in oats, beans, and peas, and the third 1,000*l.* in cheese, handmills, and freight for transport of the same. We have likewise given order to provide Sir Wm. Waller [who] is now at Farnham, where he stays till his forces come up to him. We have taken care to supply Abingdon with other forces, and have given him [Waller]

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order to draw out all his forces from thence with all possible expedition. We have used our endeavours to hasten to Waller the forces of Kent and such others as can be spared from the garrisons in the west, and you may rest assurred there shall be nothing wanting in us that may contribute to your speedy assistance. We have sent you here enclosed the copies of Sir John Meldrum's and Sir Wm. Brereton's letters concerning the late successes in Cheshire and Lancashire. Signed as above, and sent by Newman at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 3, 4. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

August 30. 90. Order of the House of Commons, that Sir Gilbert Gerard, Treasurer-at-Wars, do, out of the money assigned to the Lord General, issue 50*l.* to Philip Francis, late Mayor of Plymouth, to make provision of surgeons' chests for dressing of sick and wounded soldiers of the Lord General's army, sent from thence to Plymouth to be cured. [½ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

90 I. *Note by Anthony Nicoll to Mr. Barnard, to draw a warrant from the Committee of Safety for payment of* 50*l. to Mr. Francis, according to this order of the Commons.* 5 *Sept.* 1644. [¼ *p.*]

August 31. An ordinance of the Lords and Commons, establishing certain rules and instructions to be observed by the Commissioners of Excise, the auditors in taking their accounts, and others employed about the collection of the Excise. [*Printed.* 4¼ *pp. Interregnum, vol. xcviii., fol.* 215.]

August 31. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lord Wharton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Waller enclosing the warrant of his proveant [provand] master, letting him know that the Committee expected that the charges of the army in this expedition should have been defrayed out of the money he received; to desire him to advance westward speedily, and in the meanwhile to ease the country all that he can. 2. Mem.—The duplicates of the former letters to Sir John Meldrum and Sir Wm. Brereton were signed and sent away. 3. Also a warrant signed to all mayors, sheriffs, &c., for establishing the post into the west. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 178, 179.]

August 31. Abingdon Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. The horse you wrote of are not yet come to us, and in the meantime we are left alone with our two broken troops. How impossible it is for them to do the service we have need of may easily be judged. I desire this may be taken into [your] consideration, together with the enclosed, which I am bold to refer to you. I shall shortly acquaint you with what artillery, &c., is necessary, according to the plot laid out and begun for the defence of this town. P.S.—I have as yet received no ammunition, nor do I hear of any money, without which we are in a sad condition. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 198, 199. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

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August 31. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. Some of the deputy lieutenants and gentlemen of Surrey have presented to us some warrants from your provand-master, imposing a tax of provisions upon some hundreds of that county, to be sent weekly to Farnham for the use of your army, and failing thereof to send money to buy the same, one of which warrants we have sent you here enclosed. These parts being so near our quarters and within the Association for maintenance whereof they do contribute, we did expect that the charges of your army in this expedition should have been defrayed out of the moneys lately received by you. We hope your forces at Abingdon are marched up to you before this, and we desire you to expedite your advance westward. In the meantime you are to give that county all the ease you can. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Mr. Arnold at 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 4. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

[August ?] 91. Warrants from Justices of Peace to High Constables, Headboroughs, &c. Requiring them to bring before them any persons suspected of destroying game within their jurisdiction, or keeping dogs for that purpose; and for appointing gamekeepers to preserve the game, and prevent ill-disposed persons from poaching. [*Drafts.* $\frac{3}{4}$ *p.*] *Underwritten,*

91. I. *Letter of recommendation for Mr. Snow.* [*Draft.* $\frac{1}{4}$ *p.*]

[August ?] 92. Blank form of bond in 2,000*l.* to Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral of all plantations in America, conditioned that the above bounden, now bound for the Barbadoes and Caribee Islands, shall not by himself or his agent trade with any of the above islands where the governor declares himself by any act against the Parliament, nor shall put on shore there any goods or passengers other than such as are received on board his ship and by bill of lading are to be delivered at such islands. [*Latin and English.* 1 *p.*]

[August.] 93. Warrant of [Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral], for an allowance to be made to Mr. Herbert, purser, for the victuals expended in the summer's expedition on account of supernumeraries above the ship's company of 280. [*Damaged by damp. Draft.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

[August.] 94. Warrant of [the same] to the Mayor of Gravesend and Governor of Tilbury Fort. To examine suspicious persons passing down the river, and, on just cause of suspicion, to detain them till further orders from himself or the Parliament. [*Damaged by damp. Draft* 1 *p.*]

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Sept. 1. Gloucester. Colonel Edward Massie to the Committee of both kingdoms. Your commands for my departure thence found me better willing than furnished for the hastening of my return to Gloucester, where the officers' and soldiers' necessities cry louder in my ears than my boldness durst suggest on their behalf to you at any time of my attendance there; but [I] do again in these lines importune the mediation of your Committee to the Parliament for a more full and speedy supply. In the next place, concerning those officers and soldiers, prisoners, treated withal about their despatch for Ireland, my duty rendereth this account, that they are altogether averse from that service, yet some store of the common soldiers have taken arms willingly with us, so that I find not above 150 left in our prisons, many having broken out and run away in my absence. Of officers we have about 70 in all who expect their exchanges from Bristol, where are many prisoners of the Parliament soldiers. I had hoped by the return of my men from Abingdon I should have been enabled to have put your commands in execution concerning my march towards Bristol before this, there being only 100 foot upon their march towards us, as I understand, the rest Sir Wm. Waller has mounted and sent with my company of dragoons and his other forces towards the west, nevertheless my horse are advanced, and the strongest party of foot, I shall be able to make, are ordered to march towards Bristol; they will not march so strong as otherwise they might by reason of the Hereford side now raising more forces there, [so] that a strength must be left on that side, to prevent and hinder their designs. I have much to complain of and to desire from the Parliament, that may be by their especial commands and orders cleared, or [else] I cannot possibly remain here long. Diverse commands are issued forth in the country without my consent or knowledge, some by virtue of a committee, others of a posse comitatus, and lastly of a deputy lieutenant's authority, [so] that my authority is now of the least weight in the county, and my protections made not worthy the dispute, and by some of these new authorities taxes are laid upon the county for raising Col. Stevens' regiment of horse, which by the ordinance of Parliament was not to be raised before my regiment was recruited. All which I passed by and much more should do, did I not see plainly these ways tend to the subversion of all government in matters of war, here having fallen out diverse ill accidents of late, and some upon their late information, at least mistakes in the altering of government by warrants directed to my officers, commanding them [to perform] services without my knowledge. By which means my authority is slighted and the service of the Parliament hindered, as the bearer, Mr. [John] Cartwright, in this particular can signify more at large. I shall humbly desire your Committee to move the Parliament that I may rightly understand their meaning herein, assuring them that there is not the

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least syllable of their commands which shall not without all dispute most punctually be observed by me, it being that due respect and reverence I bear to the Parliament's authority which puts me upon this complaint, otherwise I should not need much trouble in the turning of that stream, and not to suffer that authority I had, both with the country and soldiery, so easily to be destroyed; what I have done and how much I have suffered for the maintenance of this and other garrisons in these parts now in the Parliament's service is so well known that I shall not need, I hope, to trouble your Honours by reciting; and neither the world nor my conscience can at all accuse me of the least thing or action of unfaithfulness to the Parliament, and therefore I humbly desire the Parliament's commands plainly to be signified unto me herein. I understand that Col. Gerard is called by Prince Rupert out of Wales, to come, with all the strength he can make there, to Bristol, where the Prince is at present, with only 300 horse. Col. Gerard is reported to be come to Worcester with 800 or 900 horse, and [I] shall wait upon his march if he do march that way. I shall beg the favour that Mr. Cartwright may be heard at the Board's convenience, and, if his service may be of use to the State, that you would recommend him to the Parliament. I have sent up Major Hammond according to your commands, with this letter and the enclosed depositions of witnesses concerning Major Grey's death. I humbly recommend these things to your consideration and fittest redress. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 208–211. *Copy*=3½ *pp.*]

Sept. 2. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, for the whole or part of the day, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warriston, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Earl of Manchester, desiring him to march with his forces to Abingdon, and to recall those sent towards Cheshire, Prince Rupert with all his forces being marched to Bristol. Two copies to be despatched by different routs. 2. That Sir Walter Erle do attend presently. 3. To write to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton, enclosing the advertisement from Sir Wm. Brereton concerning Prince Rupert's marching to Bristol, and the orders to the Earl of Manchester; and that, notwithstanding this intelligence, nothing may hinder his march for the assistance of the Lord General [Essex]. 4. That a sub-committee, comprising Lords Wharton and Warriston, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Ph. Stapleton, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Pierrepoint be appointed to consider the intelligence brought this day, and to prepare a report with the opinion of this Committee. 5. That Col. Massie be advertised concerning Prince Rupert's march towards Bristol. 6. That Col. Purefoy do send 100 horse speedily to Abingdon. 7. That the Committee of Northampton do so likewise. 8. That Coventry and Northampton do each leave 50 of their forces before Banbury to maintain Lord Say's house. 9. That the narrative prepared by the sub-committee, together with the letters therein mentioned, be reported to the [Commons] House. 10. To write to

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Major-Genl. Browne, advertising him of Prince Rupert's marching towards Worcester, of the instructions sent to the forces before Banbury, and to desire him, should he see cause, to command the forces before Denington [Donnington Castle, Berks.] to come to Abingdon. 11. To write to Col. [John] Fiennes and the rest of the commanders before Banbury to lodge their ordnance at Compton and send their foot to their garrisons except 100 for defence of Lord Say's house. Afternoon.—Ordered, 12. That it be reported to the Commons House that of the 200 horse appointed to be raised out of London and Middlesex by the late ordinance, only 100 are sent from within the lines of communication and 20 without the lines, owing to the proportions not being set down in the said ordinance. Pray the House to take order for fixing the proportions that the full number may be completed. 13. That it be taken into consideration what forces may be made use of upon any emergency. 14. That it be reported to the Commons that 100 barrels of gunpowder and 10 tuns of match may be speedily provided for the Lord General. 15. That such portion of Waller's letter of the 27th Aug. as concerns Mr. Finch be reported to the Commons. 16. Mem.—That the business concerning the ship of Hartlepool be considered on Wednesday next. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 179–181.]

Sept. 2. Lincoln. Edw. Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 29th ult., and shall observe your commands in marching towards you as soon as I can. I had designed a party of horse and dragoons for Cheshire, and they were 20 miles on their march when I received intelligence from Sir Wm. Brereton that Prince [Rupert] had quitted those parts, and his horse and foot were approaching Bristol by way of Wales. I have therefore recalled my horse and dragoons, and intend to march with the force I have to Abingdon. I shall from time to time give you an account of my marches, and shall obey your commands. P.S.—To-morrow I begin my march from Lincoln towards Sleaford. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., p.* 23. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 203, 204. *Copy* = ¾ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Farnham. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received yours with the enclosed warrant of my provand-master, which I can justify in all but the two dozen chickens, of which I never expected so much as one leg. I do not desire to stay in these quarters nor within the Association longer than to receive those forces yourselves have assigned me, of which as yet only mine own foot and horse from Abingdon have come. The foot, as Col. Holborne informs me, are, with the addition of 300 out of Kent, about 1,400, so that I fall short of 300 clear. Their major informs me that the Kentish horse fall short by 100; how and when they will be supplied I know not. I have not one foot soldier mounted, Major-Genl. Browne having sent notice to the constables of hundreds that we intended to take their horses and all they had, so you may imagine they provided for us accordingly. This day a company of dragoons under Captain Butler arrived out of Kent, and I expect 3 companies of the new

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Kentish regiment to-night or to-morrow. All these poor men have brought their mouths with them, and my Abingdon blades, they are the pictures of famine and poverty, and I fear the money still at London will not amount to three weeks' pay, for I must reserve [sufficient] for the payment of my good men in the west. I desire it may be considered that these poor creatures are to be repaired from head to foot, and I must out of this pay make provision for a march of near 300 miles, so that I cannot imagine what will be remaining to them to defray their quarters. The parts about Farnham are very poorly provided, having been exhausted when we lay here last winter, so that I thought I had done well to send for provisions further off; but I shall not so abound in mine own sense, but that I humbly crave your better directions what I shall do in this condition. Here are none come to me yet out of Sussex, nor out of the Isle of Wight. I have written to your Lordships concerning diverse particulars, but can receive no answer. I should be glad to know whether my letters miscarry or not. There are 13 waggons left behind at Abingdon for want of teams, some laden with arms, others with shirts and clothes for the soldiers, which I had in store here, but by a mistake were sent to Abingdon, and others with necessaries belonging to the train of artillery. I desire your peremptory order to Browne, that he may cause teams to be pressed for them, that they may join me either here or on my march. I beseech your Lordships to pardon the tediousness and plainness of these lines. [*Ibid., pp.* 204–206. *Copy* = 2¼ *pp.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have received information that the forces which were with Prince Rupert are marched toward Bristol; we therefore desire you to send all the horse you can spare to Abingdon, leaving only so many as may serve to march up with your foot, with which and the rest of your horse you are to march according to our former orders. For those forces which are gone towards Cheshire, seeing that the [Royalist] forces which lately fought with Sir Wm. Brereton are marched away, we desire that you order them to march the nearest way to Abingdon. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent one copy by Mr. Potter, another by the post, and a third by Rowland Faukeard on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at night. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 22, 23. *Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 5. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The same to Col. Stapeley. We heretofore directed that such of your garrison as could be spared were to repair to the rendezvous for the forces appointed to be raised by ordinance of 12 July, we now desire that they shall march with all diligence to such rendezvous as Sir Wm. Waller shall appoint. Signed as above, and sent by Mr. Butler, who also carried a letter from the Earl of Pembroke to the Isle of Wight. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton. By the copy of Sir Wm. Brereton's letter enclosed you will see what intelligence we have of the marching of the forces of

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Prince Rupert towards Bristol; and by the enclosed you will also see what orders we have given to the Earl of Manchester. In regard there is a necessity of sending present assistance to the Lord General [Essex], and the safety of the kingdom is so much concerned in your speedy march, we desire you, with all diligence, to advance nearer to the King's army for the straitening of his quarters and diverting of his forces. Signed as above, and sent by Hanbury at 8 p m. [*Ibid., p.* 6. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We have received intelligence that the forces with Prince Rupert are marched towards Worcester, whereof we thought fit to give you notice that you might look to the forces under your command and use the best means you can to prevent any surprisal. We have written to the commanders of the forces before Banbury to lodge their ordnance at Compton, to return their foot to their garrisons, and to send 200 of their horse to Abingdon. We desire you, if you shall see cause, to command the forces before Denington [Donnington] Castle to come for your assistance to Abingdon for their own security and the better maintaining of that place. We have given order to the Earl of Manchester to send all the horse he can spare to Abingdon with all expedition, leaving only so many as may serve to march up with his foot, and we hope the 100 horse from London shall be with you speedily. Signed as above, and sent by John Priestley at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., pp.* 6, 7. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The same to Col. Massie. We received this day advertisement of Prince Rupert's marching southward, whereof we thought fit to give you notice by this enclosed, for preventing any danger or inconvenience that might thereby come to any of the forces under your command. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 7. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The same to the Commanders of the Kentish forces. We hope these letters will find you with Sir William Waller, according to our former orders, but in regard the necessity is urgent of his speedy march westward we have thought fit to reiterate our directions that you do with all expedition speed your advance to Sir Wm. Waller, that the service he is designed unto may not be hindered by your absence. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 7. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 2. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We hope before this time the Kentish forces are come up to you, and do desire you if they be, or so soon as they shall be come to you, that you will forthwith march westward with all your forces. We have written for so many of the garrison of Chichester as can be spared to march to your rendezvous, which we desire may be on your line of march. The Commons will take care for bringing in the last 5,000*l.* for you, and that it shall be sent after you with speed. Signed as above. [*Ibid., p.* 8. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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Sept. 3. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Browne, and Mr. Kennedy. Ordered, 1. To write to the Earl of Manchester confirming our former instructions that he should march with his horse. 2. To acknowledge the receipt of the Lord General's letter, and to inform him that there is a proportion of victuals sending to him, as also 100 barrels of gunpowder and 10 tuns of match. That [Lieut.-Genl.] Middleton has had instructions again to march to his aid, and that Waller is upon his march, and that order is given to the Earl of Manchester to march into these parts. Mem.—Leave was given to Mr. [blank] to write to Oxford that his father was alive. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *p.* 181.]

Sept. 3. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received your letter, and shall accordingly take all possible course for our security. As you referred to me the calling off the forces at Newbury, I called a Council of War, who, by reason of the certainty of Prince Rupert's march this way, have advised me to do so. They being neither able to defend the town nor themselves against an enemy, I have accordingly sent for them, and have directed them to give notice to the honest party there, that they may take some course for the security of themselves and goods, whom else we believe will be utterly ruined by the enraged enemy. I expect the forces from Banbury, and desire that nothing may hinder the speedy sending of more forces hither, being of ourselves very weak, and the rather from the daily running away of our soldiers for want of money. If only 500*l.* be coming to us, being but two or three days' pay, I fear the rest of the soldiers will also run away, some telling me so much and in so mutinous a manner that I was forced this day to punish both officers and soldiers. We will want many pieces of ordnance to keep the works when they are finished, but that cannot be for many months. In the meantime they will do us but little service [against an attack]. We have followed the form begun before my coming hither, but which is so extended that when finished they cannot be kept by fewer than 4,000 men. I shall, however, to the utmost of my power, endeavour the security of this place while I stay here. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 206, 207. *Copy*=1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee at Northampton. Understanding from Col. [John] Fiennes and others at Banbury, and by an intercepted note from [Lieut.-Col. A.] Greene to Prince Rupert, that there is little likelihood of carrying Banbury Castle, and having intelligence that Prince Rupert's forces are about Worcester, we have given orders for removing the siege and for sending 50 of your foot to Broughton. We desire you to send 100 horse to Abingdon, where there is great want of them Col. Purefoy sends 100 of his horse to Abingdon, which may come along with yours. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Hugh Mobbs, a trooper under Major Lidcott. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *p.* 8. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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Sept. 3. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. John Fiennes, Col. Whitham, and Major Bridges. We understand by your letter and the enclosed note [of Lieut.-Col.] Greene to Prince Rupert, that without more forces there is little hope of [carrying] Banbury Castle, and by other intelligence we hear that Prince Rupert's forces are to come towards Worcester, which is not far from you. We, therefore (knowing no way by which to increase your foot, and having great use of some of your horse about Abingdon), think it necessary that the great pieces which came from Abingdon be removed presently to Compton, and that the foot return to their own garrisons, except 50 of the Warwickshire foot and 50 of the Northampton, which are to go presently to Broughton. We desire these things may be done speedily, and doubt not of your care herein. Signed and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 9. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 3. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. The march of Sir Wm. Waller into the west, though of so great consequence, has been retarded by many obstacles to the great prejudice of the public service, and is yet hindered by the want of teams to draw the 13 waggons left at Abingdon laden with arms, and clothes, and necessaries belonging to the train. You are forthwith to cause sufficient teams to be taken up to draw these waggons either to Farnham or such other place on his march as Sir William shall order. Signed as above, and sent by Sir W. Waller's messenger. [*Ibid., p.* 9. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 3. Derby House. The same to Col. John Fiennes, Col. Whitham, and Major Bridges. Upon information of Prince Rupert's marching towards Worcester and the contents of your letter, we wrote to you yesterday to rise from the siege before Banbury. But at the desire of the Committee of the three cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks., which bear the charge in that design, and conceiving that the forces of Prince Rupert may be far distant from those parts, we leave it to you, who are upon the spot, to continue the siege, if it may be with safety, trusting to your vigilance and care to prevent any danger from the Prince's forces. Signed as above, and sent by Crips at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 10. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 4. 1. Order of the House of Commons. For 200*l.* to be paid to Colonel James Wardloe, or Wardlaw, late Governor of Plymouth, out of his arrears of pay, in regard of his great infirmity incurred by his service, and that he is upon his sudden repair into his own country. [*Printed in Commons' Journals iii.*, 617. *Copy.* ½ *p.*].

Sept. 4. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Sir W. Waller confirming the order for him to march westward. 2. That a sub-committee comprising Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Crew, and one of the Scotch Commissioners, be appointed to consider the business concerning the ship of Hartlepool, and to report to this

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Committee. 3. That an answer be returned to the gentlemen of Ireland that this Committee will report their three last propositions to the Commons, and that they will take the first [proposition] into consideration when they shall see the order. 4. That the petition of John Banamy and Peter de Beauvoir des Granges [concerning the ship of Hartlepool] be referred to the consideration of the full Committee above named. 5. That the petition of [Wm.] Penoyre be reported to the Commons. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 181, 182.]

Sept. 4. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of 2nd September, and shall obey your commands. I am now upon my march, and so soon so I can get the money I have sent for, I will despatch away before me to Abingdon so many of the horse as can be spared from [attending] the foot, and with the rest of the horse and foot I intend following to Abingdon. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., p.* 24. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 207, 208. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

Sept. 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to his Excellency [Essex]. We have received yours of the 27th Aug. from Lestithyell [Lostwithiel], and desire to let you know that 3,000*l.* worth of provisions have been made as particularized in our letter of the 30th August, which are to be immediately sent to you. As also 100 barrels of gunpowder and 10 tuns of match. We have again given order [*see Sept.* 2] to Col. Middleton to advance nearer towards you, and Sir W. Waller is now upon his march that way. We have also written to the Earl of Manchester [Sept. 2] to march into these parts with his forces. Sir Wm. Brereton has lately encountered the forces that were with Prince Rupert, and has slain and taken divers of their principal officers, among whom was Sir Marmaduke Langdale, who commanded the party in chief, wounded dangerously and carried to Chester, without losing a single man of his. This encounter took place about Malpas [in Cheshire]. The rest of [Rupert's] forces, about 2,000 horse, are marched through Wales, as Brereton informs, towards Bristol. Signed by Northumberland and Maitland, and sent by Craven at 7 p.m., as also a letter to the Lord Admiral [Warwick] written by Lord Wharton. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., pp.* 10, 11. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

Sept. 5. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say and Warristone, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it is not now necessary that the Lord Admiral's letter of 21st Aug. be reported to the [Commons] House. 2. That that part of Waller's letter concerning the safe conduct granted to Mr. Finch be reported to the House. 3. That the Commons would appoint a place where the 130*l.* appointed to be paid by order of the House may be received, as also the furniture contracted for by Capt. Moulton, and by them delivered for the service of Pembrokeshire. 4. That Sir G. Gerard be added to the sub-committee concerning the ship of Hartlepool. 5. That the secretaries [of this Committee] do give notice to the member who is to make reports

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the day before. 6. That Capt. Bence and Mr. Blackstone do attend to-morrow afternoon with the Commons' order concerning Holy Island. 7. That Lieut.-Col. Bradley do lend and deliver to the Committee of the three cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. 200 muskets, 160 bandoleers, 150 swords and belts, 100 pikes, and 12 barrels of musket shot, all which they are to return or make good when called for. 8. That all the [members of the] Committee be summoned to attend to-morrow at 3 p.m. 9. That the letter now read, hastening Waller's march westward, be sent forthwith. 10. That some of the Commissioners of the Excise be warned to attend to-morrow at 9 a.m. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 182, 183.]

Sept. 5. Bourn. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 3rd inst., and am hastening to obey your commands. I quarter this night at Bourn, and to-morrow at Peterborough or Stamford, with all those forces of horse and foot, and so to Huntingdon, for it is of absolute necessity that we march that way in regard of money and other necessaries, which we want, and hope to be supplied with there. I intend to be at Huntingdon to-morrow night myself to get in readiness all things requisite for the horse, so that I may send them away before the foot, with which latter I will follow with all haste to Abingdon. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., p.* 24. *Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 211, 212. *Copy*=$\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 5. Marshfield. Colonel Edward Massie to the same. I wrote last to you from Gloucester about six days ago complaining of the incongruities of the Committee here, [so detrimental] to the welfare and well-being of the service, they being both too prodigal and too frugal; the latter in denying myself the least assistance of money to enable me to march, discouraging my officers and seeming to determine the number and qualities of my officers, as unnecessary to the service, till at length, unless some danger approach, they will conceive my service unnecessary also. I must beg your Committee to put limits to their power, or it will be impossible for me with any resolution to go about any service; I have also to complain of their raising the soldiers' [pay] to 4*s.* a week ere there was any care taken to satisfy the officers' pay, there being a large arrear of pay due to the latter before their undertaking; besides our horse assignation for pay from the country [being] taken off, ere other provision was made for them, there is so much want and poverty amongst us that our horse run daily from us to other parts and put themselves under other commands or to the enemy. I earnestly beg that some course may be taken for prevention of the same. It would be well that an order were issued forth to all commanders under his Excellency [the Lord General Essex], directing that no inferior officer or soldier be received into their service, unless furnished with a certificate from their last officer of their leave and dismissal, so that we who are worse paid than the rest may yet retain some of our men. Now upon prosecution of your last commands I render this account. Being upon my march towards Bristol, I understood that the Bristol and Bath

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forces, both horse and foot, were drawn out to Chalfield in Wilts. to beat off Col. Devereux's forces from that garrison, a house of Lady Ayre's [Eyre's], but before their coming in contact, Col. Devereux' officer quitted the same, and retreated to Malmesbury, and the enemy took possession. They in turn understanding of my advance thither quitted it also and retreated to Bath and Bristol, and so put me upon my march to this place yester-evening, from whence I drew out of our horse about 100 and myself marched with them to face Bath, where we gave an alarm, and thither I purposed to march this day had not your letter of the 2nd met me on my return yesterday from Bath, with others from Gloucester, seconding Sir Wm. Brereton's enclosed copy, [containing information] that forces were come towards Ross, co. Hereford, which is not above 12 miles distant from Gloucester; so that this morning I am upon the march again towards Gloucester, and will endeavour to break or hinder the passage of these forces to [join] Prince Rupert, who lies at Bristol with only 300 horse, expecting a force speedily to come to him, which agrees with Sir Wm. Brereton's advertisement and that from Gloucester. There has been much discontent and mutiny in Bristol, especially between Prince Rupert's faction and the Mayor of Bristol, about the Prince's endeavouring to take out of that city the auxiliaries for enabling his march to the King, the citizens siding with the Mayor, so that I conceive a small army might soon reduce that garrison, if the opportunity be rightly chosen. In the meantime I will omit no opportunity to perform the best service I can, and shall be ready in the observance of your commands. P.S.—I had forgotten to advertise you that, having notice that your commands for Colonel Devereux' 400 men to march to Waller were still in force but not executed, and having 250 of his foot yester evening come up to me hither, I have despatched them again to Malmesbury in accordance with the former order of march to Waller. I humbly conceive your commands for the march of Manchester's forces westward will prove as efficacious as any act that has been done since the beginning of these wars, the King's whole strength being drawn thither. For this will carry the whole if God shall bless the Parliament's forces for the suppressing of those now with his Majesty. I should be most glad and ready to be commanded to any part to assist in preventing the enemy joining his forces or to follow them for any diversion, as [also] to wait upon Waller or other commander-in-chief in that action. [*Ibid, pp.* 212–215. *Copy*=3 *pp.*]

Sept. 5. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir W. Waller. We wrote to you two days since among other things to appoint a place of rendezvous for the forces of Chichester, and accordingly wrote to Colonel Stapeley to send what forces he could spare. The same messenger carried a letter from the Earl of Pembroke enclosing an order for the 500 men of the Isle of Wight to march, who we therefore believe to be ready with other forces near those parts to be transported more westward to meet you at Lyme Regis or where

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else you shall appoint. We desire you again earnestly to hasten your march westward. Signed, &c., and sent by Binding at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 11. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 6. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, the two Vanes, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont and Crew. Ordered, 1. To write to Major-Genl. Browne to return the forces that were before Donnington Castle forthwith. 2. That a warrant be issued to Sir Walter Erle for the delivery of one demi-cannon, one whole culverin, either brass or iron, 60 shot round, 20 barrels of shot for the demi-cannon, and 10 barrels of gunpowder, to Capt. Wm. Stackhouse, for the service of Newbury and before Donnington Castle. 3. The like to deliver to Wm. Dobbins 200 barrels of gunpowder, a double proportion of match and lead answerable, 100 shot for cannon, 400 for demi-culverin, and 400 for sacre, for the service of Munster, in Ireland. 4. The like for Lieut.-Col. Owen Rowe to deliver to W. Dobbins 1,200 muskets, whereof 500 to be firelocks or snaphances, 300 pikes, 1,500 swords and belts, and 200 horse-arms, saddles, and furniture. 5. To write to Sir Wm. Waller approving his resolution to march with his foot at once without waiting to mount them, and promising to send his recruits after him. 6. That it be recommended to the Committee of the West to hasten the recruiting of Waller's forces. 7. That Mr. Frost speak with some of the Commissioners of Excise about payment of the 1,200*l.* for Wareham. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 183, 184.]

Sept. 6. Farnham. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. In pursuance of your commands I shall not fail to make all possible speed into the west. I only desire there may be no more expected [of me] than is possible. I have not yet one man of my [foot] mounted, and there are yet wanting 300 recruits out of Kent for Col. Weldon's regiment, which even then would not muster more than 500. Of the new Kentish regiment there is yet wanting 200 men. Those who are here are as gallant men and as well provided as ever I saw in the field. None of the Sussex forces are come, but I have sent orders both to them and to the 400 men from the Isle of Wight to ship themselves to Poole, or the nearest landing place to Salisbury, where they are to join me with all expedition, I have appointed this my next rendezvous, in regard of its convenience for joining the Dorset forces at Ilminster, and the necessity of falling into Somerset speedily to suppress Prince Rupert's levies and Dodington's [Sir Francis Dorrington's] party, which is again returned to Bridgwater, and to interpose between them and my Lieut.-General, both to secure his rear and to facilitate my junction with him. The only invincible obstruction that lies before me is the difficulty, not to say impossibility, of mounting my [foot] men, without which accommodation I leave it to any man's reason to judge in what time I shall be able to march to my Lord General's assistance, being clogged with a train [of artillery], without which

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I cannot march on foot, and not having one team of horses towards it. I take it for a great happiness that Mr. Trenchard came down to be an eye-witness of my condition, the particularities whereof I refer to his relation. I should have marched yesterday but that, with all my sending out of warrants and parties, I could procure only one team of horses. However, I caused the foot to advance about 2 miles beyond Basingstoke, and it will be as much as I can do to reach them, with those few but necessary carriages which I have, this day, being 11 miles from hence and diverse teams not yet come. I purpose to make no stay, but to leave some horse to convoy them after me. I shall trouble you no further, but with the humble assurance that I will not be wanting with the utmost endeavours of my life to advance and expedite this service and to give demonstration in spite of all base calumnies that I am your most faithful servant. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 215, 216. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 6. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-Genl. Browne. The gentlemen of the three cos. Oxon., Berks., and Bucks. have been with this Committee to desire that the forces which lately were at Newbury may be returned thither for preserving that place against the forces of Donnington Castle. At their desire we request you to send back those forces, hoping that if there should be any movement of the enemy that way, we may have timely notice thereof that those forces may be again called off, both for their own safety and your assistance by them. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 12. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 7. 2. Order of the House of Commons, permitting Edmund Prideaux, Esq., M.P., to use such rooms in the house late of Alderman Freeman, where this Committee of Accounts of the kingdom now sit, as he shall conceive to be necessary for erecting his letter office. [¾ *p.*]

Sept. 7. The like order. That the 200*l.* set as a fine upon Sir Matthew Lister shall be paid to Mr. Thelwall for the service of Pembrokeshire. [*Written on the same paper as* 27 *April* 1644. ½ *p.*]

Sept. 7. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Northumberland, Lords Say and Wharton, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Pierrepont, and Mr. Crew. Ordered, 1. To write to Sir W. Waller to send 1,000 men to the next port town to be transported to Plymouth, leaving the selection to him. The like to march with all expedition to Dorchester, both to effect a junction with his own horse and those of the Lord General [Essex], which are broken through, and for better securing the western ports. Also to enclose a copy of the Lord General's [letter]. 3. To write to the Earl of Manchester to hasten his march with all his forces toward the west, and enclose a copy of the Lord General's letter. 4. That the Committee of the West be desired to supply Plymouth with what money they can, and to

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furnish the Committee of the Navy with 400*l.* for provision of shipping and victuals for the transportation of 1,000 men to Plymouth. Likewise that the arms, pistols, saddles, and ammunition that they lately sent into the west be brought to Weymouth to be disposed of as the public occasions shall require with regard had to Lyme [Regis]. 5. That the Committee of the Navy do provide shipping and victuals to be forthwith ready at Weymouth for the transportation of 1,000 men to Plymouth. 6. To report to the Commons' House that 6,000 foot arms, and 5,000 clothes be provided to be sent down to Portsmouth for the soldiers. Also that the arms sent may be put to the proof. 7. To write to the Lord General [Essex], informing him what is appointed for relief of the west. 8. That the letters of the Lord General [Essex] of the 3rd inst., and of the Lord Admiral [Warwick] of the 2nd inst., be reported to both Houses of Parliament; to give them a narrative of what this Committee has done this morning, and to let them know that this Committee expects their directions. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp.* 184, 185.]

Sept. 7. Farnham. Sir William Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. This day Col. Ludlow came to me with orders from the Committee of Wilts. to surrender to me his commission which he had from me. There are likewise orders sent from that Committee to those troops of his which were at Salisbury, to draw away immediately to Malmesbury, and not to obey their Colonel if he came with my commission to them. Last night, hearing that those troops were at Salisbury, I sent directions to them not to stir from thence till they received further orders from me, and in the meantime to send out continual parties into the west to gain intelligence. How far this will now be obeyed I cannot tell. I have refused to accept Col. Ludlow's commission, and given him order to repair immediately to his troops and to see my former orders performed, which I make no question but he will do as far as he can. My Lords, so long as I have a life I will lay it out freely in your service, but it is a very great discouragement to me to meet with nothing but opposition and in such a time, wherein we cannot admit those clashings without betraying God's cause. I have reason to expect the like opposition in Dorsetshire, where the Committee has vacated my commissions to Col. Sydenham and Col. Fitz-James, and are going about to cashier 13 or 14 troops, which are now actually raised, and most of them in a very serviceable posture. I have sent them order to draw either to Ilchester or Salisbury as they may with most conveniency. I moved the [Commons'] House concerning this point of command, that they would declare how far my commission stood good, in regard my Lord General [Essex] had made Col. Massie Commander-in-Chief of the Gloucestershire forces, and the Committee of Wilts. had likewise voted the command of theirs to Massie. The House determined that my commission stood entire, and that nothing should be done to diminish it, I humbly desire if it seem good to your Lordships that this may be so settled that I may not be subject to these contestations, which I conceive are

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extremely prejudicial to your service. For mine own part, I would willingly surrender this command to whomsoever you shall appoint and march with my regiment under whose command you will, or act anything that you may conceive most advantageous to the service. I only desire to see myself in a settled condition one way or another. P.S.—It is desired that a supply of 60 barrels of gunpowder be speedily sent down to Arundel Castle with match and ball proportionable. I further desire that a supply of 500 pair of pistols and so many backs, breasts, and pots be sent down immediately for the completing of the Dorsetshire troops and such as are raising; in this extremity we must raise all the strength we can, though we think of paying them afterwards. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 217, 218 *Copy.* 2 *pp.*]

Sept. 7. Wootton, Hants. The same to the same. This bearer, Capt. Guillaume, came this evening to me out of Devonshire and brings the sad confirmation of our loss of the western army, which is doubled to me in the desperate condition of my poor troops under Lieut.-Gen. Middleton, the particulars I refer to this gentleman, who is a gallant man and one whom your Lordships may credit. I have herewith sent you the answer I received from Col. Ludlow's major to the order I sent for their stay at Salisbury, whereby you may perceive what obedience I am to expect from them, and how I am used by that Committee. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 219. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 7. Main-down. The same to the same. By the intelligence which I presume you have received from Col. Norton, you may perceive the sad condition of our western army. I hear nothing from Lieut.-Genl. Middleton of it, which makes me wonder very much. I humbly desire your immediate orders what I shall do, which I shall punctually obey, as far as I am able. I am here near Overton [Hants.], the troops are quartered in and about it, the foot and train [of artillery], which I was fain to leave behind for want of horses, I expect here this night, I offer to your Lordships' consideration whether it might not be best for me to leave my foot with the forces about Basing, which is not so far but that you may send some additional forces to them in time, and this may facilitate the taking in of that place, which would now be more important to you than ever; and in the meantime I might advance with those horse and dragoons I have into Dorsetshire by the way of Salisbury and draw together what force I can, either to join with Middleton or to favour his retreat, and to give what stop I can to the enemy's march. I am informed there are three troops of Wilts. [horse] at Salisbury under the command of Col. Ludlow, and 15 or 16 troops, great and small, in Dorsetshire; wheresoever they may be, I shall desire to employ them to the best advantage of your service. I submit myself to your absolute disposition and rest. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 219, 220. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

Sept. 7. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Browne to the same. Your Honours were pleased lately to signify to me the march of the forces with Prince Rupert towards us, and that you had therefore called off the forces at

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Banbury, commanding me to use the best means I could to prevent any surprisal, and therefore [you] referred to me the calling away of those at Newbury both for their security and our assistance. I called a Council of War forthwith, who, considering the premises, the weakness of the forces there, their discontent for want of their pay, as by Major Temple's letter formerly sent you appears, the danger of the guns [falling into the enemy's hands], your Honours' own example at Banbury, together with the censures I must necessarily suffer and lie under if they should be surprised; I having had this warning concluded it absolutely necessary, and accordingly I called them away, though it appears to be a mistake, and I fear much to the prejudice of the good people there. I desire that you may be satisfied in the truth of my proceedings which I also gave you some account of in my last. Your Honours may please to take this further notice that of the foot which were there at Newbury, there came not one hundred hither, the rest, with some officers, are run away, saying they would not come hither to be starved. There came to us yesterday about 400 foot and one troop of horse from Essex commanded by Col. Sparrow. Our paymaster has also brought us 500*l.*, which will not amount to three days' pay, and if there be not a course taken to supply us with more money I fear the soldiers will all run away. We have not received a penny from the Committee at Reading nor elsewhere since our coming hither, though I conceive they do something towards the putting of things into order, and I wish the Committees of the other counties might also act their parts, or that some other course be taken for our speedy relief. I desire that a scout-master, scouts, and horses may be allowed us with an establishment of their pay and extraordinary charges, which by a Council of War here is thought very necessary to be speedily put in execution. If you please horses may be raised near Wallingford and Oxon., such as the enemy daily makes use of, for which I desire an order, and also how they shall be paid. I have been careful to my power in sending Sir Wm. Waller's carriages to him, and at the time I received your letter eleven several constables stood committed for their failing therein; I have since discharged them upon their engagements to supply him forthwith. But Sir William's officers have already staid a day longer than they intended, and cannot be despatched. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 220–222. *Copy* = 1½ *pp.*]

Sept. 7. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. By the enclosed copy of the Lord General's letter you see the state of the affairs of the west, in regard whereof we desire you, with all possible expedition, to march with all your forces to Dorchester, both for the more facile conjunction with your own horse and those of the Lord General that are coming that way, and also for the better guard of the port towns in those parts. We doubt not but you will still, with so much nobleness, deny yourself and endeavour the like with your officers, that there may be no remembrance of anything past that may hinder the unanimous endeavours of the joint forces to prosecute the war to a happy issue. Sent by John Priestley at 4 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *pp.* 12, 13. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

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Sept. 7. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. By the enclosed copy of the Lord General's letter you will see the state of our affairs in the west, and the necessity of your speedy march that way with all the forces you can according to our former orders. We hope there will be such union and agreement among yourselves, and all [personal] differences so composed and forgotten, as shall enable them [the officers] to prosecute the war effectually to a happy and speedy end. We have ordered the rest of our forces to come to a rendezvous for the joint prosecution of the war. Signed, &c., and sent by John Arnold at 5 p.m., and a duplicate by Mr. Binding at 11 p.m. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 22. *Ibid., p.* 13. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 8. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir A. Haselrigg, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Browne, Crew, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to Lord Robartes enclosing the order of the Houses, whereby he is appointed Governor of Plymouth, and to let him know what provisions are sent thither. 2. To write to Col. Beale to go to Plymouth to land his men and give his assistance there for maintaining of that place for some short time, till he be relieved, for which he shall be satisfied by the State. 3. That the Committee of the West be desired to send to Plymouth such proportion of the arms and match provided for Weymouth, as may be required for securing the former town. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 185, 186.]

Sept. 8. Abingdon. Sir Richard Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received your commands to send back the same few forces that came from Newbury, but the foot that came thence being not 100, which I presume your honours knew not of at the Council of War called on purpose, it was resolved to send 200 more being a commanded party, having also some directions from Lord Saye to that purpose. They are to march this evening and will arrive tomorrow morning. I desire that the two battering pieces promised by Lord Say, with appertenances, be speedily sent them, they having none with them and but 3 barrels of gunpowder. I shall gladly further that service and any other for the advantage of the State. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 222. *Copy* $= \frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

Sept. 8. Huntingdon. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I received yours with a copy of the Lord General [Essex's] letter, which gives a very sad account of his present condition, of the which I have a very deep sense. The Lord's arm is not shortened though we be much weakened. I trust He will give us a happy recovery. I shall march with all speed according to your former orders, but cannot expect to have any recruits by reason of my sudden departure from these parts; this will be a great disappointment to me considering the weakness of these forces. I shall from time to time acquaint you with my marches. Concerning those differences your Lordships take notice to be amongst some of this army, I hope you will

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find that I shall take such care as, by the blessing of God, nothing of the public service shall be retarded. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 25. *Ibid., pp.* 222, 223. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

Sept. 8. Wootton [Bassett]. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received yours of the 7th present, whereby I conceive mine was not then come to your hands. According to your command I have given present order to my train to march, I mean so much as I have [with me], for two of my pieces are yet at Farnham for want of horses, and 13 carriages are yet at Abingdon which [Sir Richd.] Browne will afford no convoy for. I have sent orders for the Sussex and Isle of Wight forces to meet me by sea at Weymouth. I have here in all 2,000 foot, 800 horse, and 150 dragoons. How weak soever I am, I hope I shall never be so unworthy as to weigh the consideration of mine own safety against the obedience I owe to your Lordships' orders. Give me leave only to tell you, that by all the information I can receive, the Lord General [Essex's] horse are totally dispersed, after their breaking through and mine own, under my Lieut.-Genl., circled in by Prince Maurice, with the greater part of the King's horse. I purpose not to lose one minute in my march, though I conceive the enemy's horse may easily gain the plains before I can possibly reach Dorchester; whatever befall me, I shall endeavour living and dying to approve myself your humble servant. [*Ibid., pp.* 223, 224. *Copy*=¾ *p.*]

Sept. 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We have received yours of the 3rd inst. from Plymouth, and have taken care for furnishing that town with money and 1,000 foot; also that 6,000 arms and 6,000 clothes may be provided to be sent down to Portsmouth for the soldiers, likewise that there shall be arms both for horse and foot, and ammunition at Weymouth to be disposed of as the public occasions shall require. We have written to Sir Wm. Waller with all his forces to march to Dorchester, that he may with the greater facility join with his own horse, under [Col.] Middleton, and with yours, and also for the better security of the western Port towns. We have also written to the Earl of Manchester to march westward with all the forces he can spare, and these are already on their march. He has returned answer that he will march with all speed possible towards Abingdon. By the letters sent yesterday from the Houses [of Parliament] you will see the pleasure of the [Commons'] House concerning yourself. Sent by Mr. Butler. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 14. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 8. Derby House. The same to [John] Lord Robartes. Upon the advertisement that we have received of the affairs of the west, the Parliament has appointed your Lordship to be the Governor of Plymouth, as you will see by the enclosed order. There is care taken that 1,000 men, besides arms, ammunition, and all other necessary provisions, shall be sent thither. Signed, &c., and sent by Mr. Butler at night. [*Ibid., pp.* 14, 15. *Copy*=½ *p.*]

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Sept. 8. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Col. Beale. Having taken into consideration, upon notice of the western affairs, the securing of Weymouth, and that you do now lie very conveniently for performing this service, we desire you forthwith to repair thither and landing your men to give the best assistance you can for some short time until 1,000 men, whom we have appointed for that service, shall come thither, which we hope will be very speedily. You shall be paid for your demurrage, and have satisfaction for your service, which we doubt not in such an exigency you will with all diligence perform. Signed, &c., and sent by Mr. Butler at night. [*Ibid., p.* 15. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Order of Edward Earl of Manchester. For the fifth part of the annual revenues of Gedney parsonage, co. Lincoln, to be paid to Mrs. Jane Weemes, wife of Dr. Weemes, late parson of Gedney, ejected upon certain articles proved before the Committee for examination of scandalous ministers within the said county. [*See Committee for Plundered Ministers Order Book, No. I.F., p.* 350. ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir A. Haselrigg, Sir Charles Erskine, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it is to be reported to the Commons' House that Major Hammond may be disposed of. 2. That a letter be drafted to Waller, noticing his of the 7th, and desiring that notwithstanding those letters he march according to our directions of the 7th inst. 3. That Waller's letter concerning the disputes about the command be reported to the Commons. 4. That the 10 tuns of match and 100 barrels of gunpowder now appointed be embarked and sent to Plymouth. 5. That Mr. Lisle be desired to put the narration, he here made, into writing. 6. That Lord Say and Mr. Recorder Glynn do speak with the Earl of Pembroke about sending 400 men from the Isle of Wight to Plymouth. 7. To write to the Lord General [Essex] that there may be 1,000*l.* laid out in the Isle of Wight for victuals to be sent to Plymouth, and that Commissary Bond be sent thither to make those provisions. 8. That the coming in of Mr. Henry Janson to Sir W. Waller, and that he was a Fellow of a College in Oxford, and left all to come in to him be reported to the [Commons] House for them to do therein as they shall think fit. 9. That the Committee of the Navy be desired to send [order that] the ships which are to carry the money and provisions to Sunderland be hastened away with all speed. 10. That it be reported to the Commons that 200 barrels of gunpowder with match and bullet proportionable be forthwith sent to Sunderland for the use of the army at Newcastle. 11. Mem.—That Mr. [Samuel] Cordewell do attend in the afternoon. To write to the Committees of Cambridge and the several cos. to hasten their recruits to the Earl of Manchester's rendezvous, and that a duplicate of this letter be sent to Manchester. 12. That Col. Massie's

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letter of the 5th inst. from Marshfield be reported to the Commons. 13. That Mr. Pierrepoint answer the letter of the Committee of Notts. Afternoon.—Ordered, 14. That Commissary Bond do provide in the Isle of Wight 1,000*l.* worth of meal, corn, bread, and cheese for supply of Plymouth. 15. To write to the Committee of the Isle of Wight to assist Mr. Bond and to commit to his care a duplicate of the letter sent this day to the Lord General [Essex]. 16. To write to the Earl of Pembroke to give order for the despatch of the 400 men to be supplied by the Isle of Wight to Plymouth. 17. To write to the Deputy Governor and Committee of the Isle of Wight to the same intent. 18. To write to Cols. Fitz-James and Strode to ship 500 or 600 of their forces to Plymouth for a short time, and with the rest to march where Waller shall direct. 19. To write to the Committee of Dorset to take care thereof and to send what forces they can spare from those parts to Plymouth. 20. To write to Major Jepson [Sergeant-Major William Jephson, Lieut.-Governor of Portsmouth] to deal with the officers and soldiers at Portsmouth, intended for Ireland, to assist in the storming of Basing [House], and if they be willing to send them thither. 21. To write to the Lord General [Essex] to provide 500 men for Plymouth out of the forces in the western parts. 22. That the Earl of Denbigh and Col. Purefoy's horse march to Abingdon. 23. That Denbigh and Purefoy speak with this Committee to-morrow morning. 24. That some of the Militia be here at that time. 25. That Sir Walter Erle, Mr. Broad, and Capt. Cannon be desired to be here to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 186–188.]

Sept. 9. Wootton [Bassett]. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I cannot but give you present notice of the good news I have received from Dorchester, concerning the conjunction of the Lord General [Essex's] horse and mine between Taunton and Bridgwater. The messenger reports that my Lord's foot are on this side Hunington [Honiton?], and that the convoy of the enemy upon the apprehension of our horse has left them. If it be true, the enemy have broken their articles, our men are free to take up arms immediately, if you can tell how to supply them, which I humbly conceive is the work that now lies before you, and if there could be some money immediately sent down, it would be a great encouragement to them. My men are upon their march, and I will lose no time in my advance. I humbly suppose if there were orders sent to my Lord's officers to receive orders from me until they [should] receive further orders from both Houses, or the Committee of both Houses, or my Lord General, it might be a good advantage to the service, I humbly desire likewise that you would send directions to Col. Ludlow to attend this service with his troops, and that I may have that free power over them that belongs to me. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 224, 225. *Copy*= 1 *p.*]

Sept. 9. Tarvin. Sir Wm. Brereton to the same. Before I received yours of the 30th ult. I had sent to Wem part of three companies lately raised under the command of Lord Colvile, one of my captains, Lieut.-Col. [Sir Charles] Coote and Captain Finch, which I had not time to complete, but though we are now fully tasked in what we have

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undertaken in placing a garrison in this town of Tarvin, yet I will endeavour to supply them with more according to their desires from whom I was advertised in a letter received yesterday; that they had been the night before very successful, and have with about 80 musketeers, whereof most were Cheshire men, and about 50 horse taken Moreton Corbet garrison. This party was commanded by Lieut.-Col. Rinkeing and Lord Colvile, who assaulted the garrison, and after an hour's fight it was delivered up, wherein were taken Major Bridgeman, the Governor, Capt. Maurice, and some other officers and about 70 common soldiers horse and foot, 6 barrels of gunpowder, two horse colours, and some other good prizes. Tarvin whereof we have possessed ourselves is a village commodiously situate for a garrison, lying about 3 or 4 miles from Chester, wherein Col. Marrow quartered and kept a kind of garrison before my last coming down from London. We came here on the 5th Sept. and began to fortify and make works where we desire to settle, whereby we hope to be able to secure the greater part of our county, and to block up the city of Chester on this side; if the like were done on the side towards Wales it might be much distressed. Sir Thos. Middleton's forces have been lately very successful, having taken Sir Thos. Gardiner and his troop in their quarters at Newtown, and 36 barrels of gunpowder going for Chester. I have likewise received letters from Sir John Meldrum, desiring that some of our forces might be drawn down into Wirral to assist in the taking of Liverpool. But the Earl of Manchester in his last letter advertises that he has received command to march towards Abingdon, whereunto I most humbly submit and wish all prosperity and success. But if it were so that that party formerly assigned this way may be so applied, I am confident it might much conduce to the advantage of affairs in these parts; but how this may suit with the condition of the western parts and with your former orders I know not, therefore I humbly refer the same and myself wholly to your disposal. [*Ibid., pp.* 262, 263. *Copy*=1¾ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. Lest the enemy should be encouraged to attempt Plymouth we have determined to supply it with men, arms, and ammunition, also with that victuals which was appointed for your army, and besides have thought fit to send 1,000*l.* worth of victuals from the Isle of Wight, that it may have no want [of anything], and this the rather for that the [townsmen] have to their power supplied your Lordship. We have sent down Mr. Bond to make provision, and desire you that for this present occasion 1,000*l.* of the money last sent you may be employed to that purpose until we can otherwise supply it. Sent by Rowland Faukeard at noon, and a duplicate next day by Mr. Bond. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., pp.* 15, 16. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to the same. The present state of Plymouth is better known to your Lordship than to us, yet we believe it stands in need of a supply of men, other provisions we have taken care to supply. We desire that you, being nearer, would send 500 foot till

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a greater supply can be sent thither, and that you will presently advertise us what forces you have sent, and from whence that we may supply the rest. Sent by Mr. Nicoll at night. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 16. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to Philip Earl of Pembroke. By reason of the assistance, both in men and provisions, rendered by the town of Plymouth to the Lord General, we believe it may be in great need of present supplies. We have already sent provision of arms, ammunition, and victuals, and desire you to write to the Isle of Wight that those 400 men who are to go thence, or so many as are ready, may be presently shipped to Plymouth. We know your great readiness to serve the public, and especially in such an exigency as this, and therefore desire you to give direction in this matter. We have sent Commissary Bond to make provision of 1,000*l.* worth of victuals in the Isle of Wight, and desire you to write to the Committee in that island to assist him both in taking up and shipping the same away. Sent by Mr. Holdsworth. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 17. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We wrote to you on Saturday last to march with all your forces to Dorchester for the reasons therein expressed, but since then have received three of your letters of the 7th inst. Notwithstanding all those we desire you according to our former directions to march to Dorchester, and not to stay on any design for Basing House. Your letter from Farnham we have appointed to be reported to the Commons, and shall endeavour to settle the point of command, so that it may not unseasonably distract our affairs in this time when there is need of unanimous conjuncture both of counsels and endeavours for opposing the enemy. Signed, &c., and sent by Faukeard at noon. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 17, 18. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to the Committee of the Association and the rest of the counties [under the command of the Earl of Manchester]. We have often heretofore, by order of the [Commons'] House written to you to hasten the forces that were designed out of your counties for the Earl of Manchester, who is incommoded for want of them in his march westward, where the exigency of our affairs is great since that sad accident to the Lord General's army. You are therefore, with all expedition, to send the rest of your forces to such rendezvous as the Earl shall appoint. Sent by John Priestley at 9 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 19. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We have written to all the counties of your Association to speed away the remainder of the forces assigned to your Lordship for recruits or otherwise, a copy whereof we send enclosed, and desire you to give your orders accordingly, and appoint some officers to conduct them to you and not retard your march. Signed, &c., and sent by John Priestley. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., p.* 26. *Ibid.*, *p.* 19. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

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Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Dorsetshire. Having resolved to send 1,000 foot to Plymouth for security of that place, we have ordered Col. Fitz-James and Col. Strode to send 500 or 600 of their foot speedily thither to await the coming of the 1,000 foot, and you are required to render all possible assistance in providing vessels for their transport. Should there be any other forces which are in greater readiness to be sent thither, you are to give order for their immediate conveyance, it being a service of so great importance. Sent by Mr. Nicoll at night. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to Col. Wm. Strode and Col. Fitz-James. Having taken into consideration, upon this late accident in the west, the necessity of securing and strengthening the town of Plymouth against the attempts of the enemy's forces, we resolve to send 1,000 men thither, but because those are at some distance, and your forces are in a far fitter posture and better readiness to be employed thither, we desire you speedily to despatch 500 or 600 of your foot to Plymouth, there to remain until those appointed for that service shall come for their relief. With the rest of your forces you are to repair to Sir Wm. Waller's rendezvous and obey such orders as you shall receive from him. Sent by Mr. Nicoll. [*Ibid., p.* 20. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 9. Derby House. The same to the Committee in the Isle of Wight. We have desired the Earl of Pembroke to send to you for despatching 400 men or so many as are ready to Plymouth, as also that assistance may be given to Commissary Bond for the provision and shipping away of 1,000*l.* worth of victuals from your island to Plymouth, wherein we desire you to give your best assistance according to the directions you shall receive from his Lordship. The present state of that town being such as requires those supplies with all expedition. Sent by Mr. Potter on the 10th at night, with one from the Earl of Pembroke. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Loudoun, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew, Pierrepont, Browne, Barclay, and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. To write to Major-Genl. Browne for exchange of Theodore Jennings. 2. To write to the Committee of the Militia of Herts. to make ready and despatch away their horse and dragoons to the rendezvous appointed by the Earl of Manchester, under Capt. Pinkney. 3. To inform the Lord General [Essex] of the proportion of arms sent to Weymouth, and to entrust him with their disposal 4. To write to Commissary Behr and Lieut.-Genl. Middleton that, laying aside all animosities, they join in the service against the common enemy. 5. That Waller's letter of the 9th inst., except that portion which mentions his giving orders to the Lord General's officers, be reported to the Commons. 6. That Col. Strode's letter be likewise reported. 7. To write to Major-Genl. Browne, desiring him to send a convoy to Reading to bring the provisions for the Earl of Manchester's horse safe to Abingdon,

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8. To write to Manchester, Waller, Behr, Skippon, Middleton, and Col. Cromwell to lay aside all disputes of their rights and privileges and to join heartily together in the present service, to propose to them the example of the three Generals [Manchester, Leven, and Fairfax] before York, and to desire them so to order the matter of command by common advice and consent as the public service may be noways retarded; also that a duplicate of these letters be sent to the Lord General [Essex], who is to use his best endeavours in preventing all differences between the commanders. 9. That a clause be added to the letter for the Earl of Manchester desiring him to hasten the march of his horse before his foot. 10. That the business of the [Merchants] Adventurers and Eastland Merchants be considered to-morrow. 11. That the letters and papers presented by the Commissioners of Scotland be reported to both Houses of Parliament, with the sense of this Committee that if any doubts or objections be made in the Houses concerning the particulars therein mentioned they be referred back to this Committee to treat and debate thereupon, according to the ordinance of both Houses whereby this Committee is constituted. Afternoon.—Ordered, 12. That it be returned in answer to the gentlemen of Wilts. that this Committee will write to Sir Wm. Waller that he is not to expect any of the troops under the command of Col. Ludlow, they being raised by the charge of particular men. 13. To write to Sir W. Waller, notifying to him that the three troops in Wilts. were raised upon the charge of particular men, and by them designed for Malmesbury and Gloucester, and therefore he cannot expect them, but if there be any others besides those he may command them. 14. To write to Major Duit, Capt. Bernard, and Capt. Goddard to obey the orders and directions they shall receive from Col. Massie. 15. To acquaint Col. Massie with the news of the junction of the Lord General's horse with Lieut.-Genl Middleton, that the Earl of Manchester is marching westward with his whole forces, and his horse are to march before the foot, and to desire him to gather all the forces that he can spare to go into the field, and to take under his charge the three troops under the command of Major Duit, Capt. Goddard, and Capt. Bernard, and to employ them for the advantage of the public, having an eye to the security of Gloucester and Malmesbury. 16. To write to the Committee of Gloucester to comply with Col. Massie in his proceedings. 17. That Col. Purefoy be desired to be here to-morrow morning. 18. That Sir Gilbert Gerard be desired to cause the 20 horse that are now ready in Middlesex to march forthwith to Abingdon. 19. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] do go to the [Committee of] Militia, and to desire that there may be a Common Council. 20. That the Militia do supply the deficiency in the 200 horse appointed by the ordinance [of Parliament, to be levied in Middlesex], and send them speedily to Abingdon. 21. That the narrative presented by Mr. Lisle be taken into consideration to-morrow afternoon. 22. That a copy of the intercepted letter from France to the Prince of Orange be sent to Mr. [Walter] Strickland, to make the best advantage thereof for the Parliament's service, and to co-operate with

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Mr. Cunningham therein. 23. That another copy of this letter be delivered to Mr. [Renè] Augier, to make the best use of it he can, and to send it into France. 24. That Lord Say do write to Col. Jephson not to deal with the forces at Portsmouth for their going to Basing [House], if he find them not willing [to assist in the storming of it]. 25. That a copy of the letter to the Prince of Orange be sent also to Mr. Cunningham, and he be desired to co-operate with Mr. Strickland to make the best use thereof he can, and to concur with him in all other things according to his instructions. 26. That this letter be further considered to-morrow. 27. That the instructions concerning the eastern trade are approved of with the alterations now agreed upon, and the perfecting thereof is referred to Sir Gilbert Gerard and Mr. Crew, who are to prepare the same against to-morrow morning. 28. That it be reported to the Commons that there are instructions for the agents who are to go to the King of Denmark, which for that they only concern trade, and that it may be inconvenient to the merchants to have them made public, therefore this Committee have thought fit to send them from the Committee as they have done in other cases, unless the House direct otherwise. 29. That the commission to those who are to go to the King of Denmark be reported to the Commons. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 188–191.]

Sept. 10. Salisbury. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 9th present, and will hasten to join [Middleton]. I am here at Salisbury with my horse, but the new Kentish regiment of foot were so tired that they have taken up their quarters at Wallop [Hants.], and the Isle of Wight and Sussex men [are gone] into Weymouth and Lyme [Regis]. Those few of my Abingdon foot I am labouring to mount, but I want 200 men of the Farnham regiment, which are detained at the siege of Basing [House], and will not be suffered to march to me. I hear not of the Malmesbury foot nor of Col. Ludlow's horse. I have nothing in the world to keep the field with, but 700 or 800 horse, 150 dragoons, and about 900 musketeers, if I can mount them. If there be not present course taken to oppose the enemy with a strong power, I know of nothing to hinder them from marching to London. By the enclosed you will perceive, if the information be true, that they are already come near to Dorsetshire. I hear but of 2,000 prisoners who are coming with the convoy, so that the rest, for aught I can perceive, have taken entertainment with the King. May God direct your counsels. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 225, 226. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. The Committee of the West have sent down to Weymouth or Lyme [Regis], besides those which they have appointed for Lyme and Plymouth, 2,100 muskets, 120 barrels of gunpowder, with other ammunition and accoutrements here specified. A proportion of match and bullet taken out for 80 barrels of powder, the rest is remaining. We desire you to dispose of the residue for arming your foot or as you shall think fit for the public service. By the en-

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enclosed you will see what we have written to the several commanders of the armies and brigades which are now to unite in one army to resist the King's march eastward, and we desire you to exert your influence in the appeasement of all differences, so that no disputes may arise about commands to retard the service or endanger our affairs. Signed, &c., and sent by Mr. Potter at 8 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 21. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Col. Jephson. Being advertised that the officers of Lord Inchiquin's regiment are willing to assist in the taking of Basing [House], we desire you to let them know that we shall take it for a very good service, and if they will undertake it to hasten their march. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Major-General Browne. The Earl of Manchester's horse, being ordered to pass the nearest way westward, will not be able to call at Reading for the 1,000 pair of boots provided in London. You are therefore to appoint a convoy for the same from Reading to Abingdon. Signed, &c., and sent by Gardner at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 22. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Gloucester. Having understood of some disturbances that are likely to fall out in the affairs of your county, by reason of the clashing of commands between yourselves and the Governor of Gloucester [Col. Massie], who commands the forces in chief, we think it therefore necessary to advise you to comply with him, being a person of whose judgment and fidelity to the public the Commonwealth has received ample testimony. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Col. Massie. Having taken into consideration the condition of affairs in the west, we resolved to gather all the forces we could to oppose the enemy in those parts. According to our order the Earl of Manchester is upon his march westward with all his forces, and for greater expedition his horse are not to stay for the foot, only such proportion as may be required to bring the foot up with safety. The Lord General [Essex's] horse are now joined with the horse under Lieut.-Genl. Middleton between Taunton and Bridgwater, and we hope Sir Wm. Waller will be with them speedily. We desire you to gather all the forces in Gloucester and thereabouts that you can spare from the garrisons under your command into the field, and to take into your charge the three troops in Wilts. under the command of Major Duit and Capts. Goddard and Bernard, and keeping an eye for securing of Gloucester, Malmesbury, and those parts from the forces of Prince Rupert and [Colonel Sir Charles] Gerard, to employ them for the best advantage of the public affairs. You will receive enclosed a copy of our letter to the Committee of Gloucester. Signed, &c., and sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 23. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Major Douett [Duitt] Capt. Godard, and Capt. Bernard. The three troops of horse that are under your command are put under the charge of Col. Massie; you are, therefore, to

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receive his orders and be employed as he directs. Signed, &c., and sent by Bulmer at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 24. *Copy* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We are informed that the three troops of horse in Wilts. were raised by particular men at their own charge, and designed for garrisoning Malmesbury and for Gloucestershire, therefore you cannot expect to have any of them, but if there be any other forces there, they may receive your orders. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton. We received this morning the good news of the juncture of the Lord General's horse with yours, which gives good hopes for the repair of our late loss. We earnestly recommend it to you to improve to the utmost this juncture, and let all disagreements between you and Commissary-General Behr or any others be buried and forgotten. This is imperative at this time when there is both so great need of union and so much hope of very good success by it. We have written to Com. Behr to the same purpose, and hope there will be no further contention between you, but only which of you shall, with the greatest nobleness and forwardness, deny your own particular interest, and so deserve of the public that this Committee may return you thanks for your good service therein. Sent as above. [*Ibid, pp.* 24, 25. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 10. The like to Commissary-General Behr *mutatis mutandis*. Sent by the same messenger. [*Minute. Ibid.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Commissary-General Behr. Considering the dangers likely to ensue from disputes arising upon the juncture of the armies and contention for the privilege of command-in-chief, we have thought fit to recommend the same to your most serious consideration, as we have done to the other commanders who are to join forces for preventing the King's march eastward. We earnestly desire that, upon contemplation of the common interest, every man will lay aside all particular claims and join heartily in all counsels and endeavours for the public service, wherein we desire to propose, as an example, the fair and amicable agreement that was between the three Generals at [Marston Moor and the taking of] York, where, in all that time they were together, there never grew any disputes nor differences about command. We hope there will be such care taken by your wisdom, and by consent the commands so ordered now in this conjuncture, as the service may not be retarded, yourselves weakened, and the enemy encouraged by your divisions, but, by a firm union and common tendency, the public work be carried on with such advantage as, by the blessing of God upon it, it may have the wished for success of a happy issue and speedy end of all these troubles. Sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 25, 26. *Copy* = 1 *p.*]

Sept. 10. Duplicate of the same to Sir Wm. Waller, sent by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

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Sept. 10. Duplicate to Major Skippon, by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

Sept. 10. Duplicate to Lieut.-Genl. [Sir John] Middleton, by Bulmer. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

Sept. 10. Duplicate to Earl of Manchester, by Arnold. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

Sept. 10. Duplicate to Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell, by Arnold. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Herts. The Earl of Manchester having received direction from us to march with all expedition to Abingdon, we desire you to get ready and despatch away your 50 horse and 50 dragoons to such rendezvous as he shall appoint under the command of Capt. Pinkney, whom the Earl has appointed to command them. The Earl's march is to be with all expedition, therefore we recommend it to your especial care that he may neither march without them nor tarry for them. We expect that they shall be ready within these three days at the furthest, and that you certify us of their march. Sent by Capt. Pinkney. [*Ibid., p.* 26. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 10. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. Theodore Jennings, one of the messengers attending this Committee, was made prisoner by those of Wallingford Castle as he was coming to you with letters. Having been lately entertained by the Earl of Denbigh as his scoutmaster, and that commission found upon him, causes him to be looked upon as a man of some activity, and may be dangerous to him. We desire you to endeavour his present delivery by exchange before he be sent from Wallingford to Oxford. We account him an honest and trusty messenger, and therefore especially recommend his exchange to your care. [*Ibid., p.* 27. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

Sept. 11. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warriston, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. That Mr. Pierrepont be desired to speak with the Earl of Denbigh about the business of the Governor of Wem. 2. That it be reported to the Commons that a Common Council be called in London, and that some Committee of both Houses be sent to desire them to send out some forces at this time. 3. That 100 barrels of gunpowder and 10 tuns of match shall be sent to Portsmouth for the use of the Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller. 4. That it be reported to the Commons that the apparel and arms for the Lord General's soldiers may be speedily sent, as also the 5,000*l.* for Sir W. Waller. 5. To inform the Earl of Manchester that our horse have joined, that the King intends [to march] for Oxford, and to desire Manchester to make all possible speed to Abingdon. 6. That an extract of the Earl of Leven's letter, with the summons to Newcastle, be reported to the Commons, and that the House be desired to devise a speedy way for providing the gunpowder, match, and ball therein mentioned. 7. To write to the Lord Genl. [Essex] that Sir Wm. Balfour may

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command the horse, the better to avoid the differences that may grow between the commanders of those horse and the horse of Sir Wm. Waller. The like letter to Sir Wm. Balfour. 8. Lieut.-Genl. Middleton's letter to be reported to the Commons. 9. That Sir G. Gerard do remind the Commons that Barnstaple be supplied with ammunition within the time mentioned in Lieut.-Genl. Middleton's letter. 10. That Waller's letter of the 9th, from Andover, be reported to the Commons, likewise Sir Thos. Middleton's. Afternoon.—Ordered, 11. That the three credentials now read for the agents of the two Companies of [Merchants] Adventurers and Eastlanders to the King of Denmark, the Crown of Sweden, and Elector of Brandenburg be reported to the House. 12. To inform Mr. Mackworth that in respect of the service of the country he should not come away for the business of the stewardship. 13. To write to Major-Genl. Skippon to give encouragement to the soldiers, and to persuade them to stay, by assuring them that arms, clothes, and other necessaries shall be sent speedily. 14. The like to the commander of the City brigade to encourage the City forces under his charge. 15. That the draft of the letter to the Lord Admiral [Warwick], as now drawn, be reported to the [Commons] House. 16. That half the proportion of the Lord General [Essex's] train be ready, and two drakes to every regiment. Mr. Pierrepoint, Sir Ph. Stapleton, and Mr. Recorder, or any two of them to be a sub-committee to take care and expedite this, and to consider what more will be necessary, and make report thereof to this Committee. 17. That the draft of the ordinance presented by some of the Earl of Manchester's Association concerning an Excise to be set within that Association for the maintenance of that army, together with a letter from the Committee of the Association to this Committee for that purpose, be reported to both Houses [of Parliament]. 18. That it be reported to the Commons that, for the business of Ireland referred hither, this Committee has put it into a way for choosing sub-committees, but cannot proceed in anything else till the House shall please to pass their ordinance. 19. Likewise that Col. O'Brien has prepared 50 horse, and that if the Commons will give him arms and saddles, and a commission for a troop, he will carry them over for service in Ireland. 20. That the London Adventurers for lands in Ireland be desired to attend this Committee on Tuesday afternoon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E.*, *pp.* 191–193.]

Sept. 11. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. I shall be careful for the relief of Plymouth, knowing it to be a place of as great concernment as any in the kingdom next to London. What I shall do in obedience to your commands, I will give you a speedy account of, having sent for Col. Kerr [James Carr] to come hither to me; and shall likewise take the advice of those gentlemen who came this day from the Parliament. In the meantime I will give you an account of what I have done already; before I received your directions I left Col. Harvey's regiment of horse there with a fortnight's pay, I left them 2,000*l.* in money,

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paid them their own demands for sick and wounded men of ours, that were at Plymouth, in victuals, which amounted to 300*l.* or 400*l.* to my best remembrance, and left great store of victuals besides. Although I have heard nothing from the officers of the horse, yet from some who came this way and from the enclosed letter [I gather] that they have done very gallantly, and fought often for their passage to join with Col. Middleton, continually beating the enemy. I shall entreat the favour of your Lordships that this enclosed may be sent to my Lord of Mousgrave [Edmund Earl of Mulgrave], knowing it will be a great comfort to his old age to hear how gallantly his two sons have behaved themselves at Tiverton. Col. [John] Were [or Ware] who was at Lyme [Regis], the Devon. Colonel, hath played the Judas and is revolted. I have left Lord Robartes at Plymouth, and now knowing the pleasure of the Houses, am sending him a commission to be Governor there. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 226, 227. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

Sept. 11. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Balfour. Upon consideration of the great necessity of a firm and unanimous conjuncture of all endeavours for the carrying on of our affairs, as the state of them now stands, and of the danger that may come to them by any differences between the commanders of our forces, and fearing that some distastes formerly between Commissary-General Behr and Lieut.-Genl. Middleton are not so wholly buried and forgotten as we desire, we wrote yesterday to them both to dispose them to prefer the public before any interests and concernments of their own, which we hope will have a good effect, but yet as a further, and as we conceive the best, expedient to that end, we have written to the Lord General [Essex] to desire that you might be in person with the horse, having had heretofore good experience of that good agreement that was between you and Sir Wm. Waller, and which God was pleased to bless with suitable success. We have been informed that by an accident you were disabled to march with them from Plymouth, for which we are sorry, but hope that by this time you will be able to go again to them, and we are well assured that nothing but impossibilities will hinder you from this or any other service wherein you may promote this cause and the public interests. Sent by Cornelius at 9. p.m. [*Interregnum* 91 *E.*, *pp.* 27, 28. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

Sept. 11. Derby House. The same to the Lord General [Essex]. We wrote yesterday to the commanders of your and Sir Wm. Waller's horse urging forgetfulness of all private differences that might prejudice the public service, yet have thought fit as a further expedient to that end, which is now so necessary, to desire your Lordship that Sir Wm. Balfour may be in person with your horse, of whose good agreement with Waller we have formerly had good experience and very good success thereby, and doubt not but at this time it may prove a sure remedy against such distempers as may otherwise be very dangerous to our affairs. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 28. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

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Sept. 11. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have again received intelligence of the juncture of the Lord General's horse under Com.-Genl. Behr and with those of Lieut.-Genl. Middleton, who are now marching toward Somerton and Weymouth. The foot were all come as far as Oakhampton towards Southampton, where they will find both arms and clothes, so that there will be speedily a very good army on foot again. The King intends with his army to march to Oxford if he can get through. Therefore we desire you to hasten to Abingdon and advertise us of your march. Sent by Binding at 9 p.m. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N.S. xii., p.* 26. *Ibid., p.* 29. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 12. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Manchester and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Chs. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Cromwell, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To advertise Major-Genl. Browne that a party [of the enemy] had started from Oxford for Basing, and to desire him to intercept them; likewise that Manchester's horse were this night at Luton on their way to Abingdon. 2. To urge Sir W. Waller to despatch 600 men to Plymouth, for whom shipping would be provided at Weymouth. Also to acquaint him with the condition of Lyme Regis and commend that place to his care; likewise to send the arms and ammunition that are come thither speedily to Weymouth. 3. To inform Col. Norton where Manchester's horse are, and that they will be speedily at Abingdon. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 194.]

Sept. 12. Salisbury. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. The Lord General [Essex's] horse lie about Dorchester and those under Lieut.-Genl. Middleton about Sherborne, at least ten miles distant. We fear that unless Sir Wm. Balfour command or the now commander-in-chief be called off for a time the horse will scarce join as they ought to do; something must be done in this without delay; if we fight divided both are lost. It is not reports of thousands that are able to beat a real strength. You know what party Middleton had at his first going westward, and what the addition of wag[gons] was after; he is not increased, for his Excellency's horse [cannot be included], some with you can rightly inform you their number; we hear they are much beaten out, as may be imagined. The ordinance for raising horses to mount the foot will not prevail in this county. Major Dowet [Duit] pretends orders from the Committee of Wilts. to the contrary, for the present that service is lost. One of us is going to Poole with the foot to encourage those sea-towns; the other to Blandford to endeavour the gathering the Dorset and Wilts. horse into a body, but we shall not be long asunder. We entreat that those things which are left at Abingdon and mentioned in this note may be sent to some of the sea-towns, where we may receive them. The wants of the soldiers are very great. It is not probable that we shall be able to raise any money, the King coming off

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with so great an army, which makes us humbly to entreat that the 5,000*l.* promised so many months past may be forthwith sent. You know our strength and the enemy's. We are eye-witnesses of your care for the public, and hope that city and country will stir at your commands and that quickly, [as] in our poor opinion there is an absolute necessity of collecting your foot forces into one body, so many places being now besieged the want of that foot may endanger the loss of your summer labours. P.S.—Unless you will take some order that the Associated counties do immediately send money to Lieut.-Genl. Middleton's three troops of horse undoubtedly they will disband. This gentleman, Capt. Jervise, will give you information, and we beseech you let him not be neglected. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 227, 228. *Copy* = 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 12. Salisbury Plain. The same to the same. Upon our march we met with these enclosed letters. This amused us. We know not what is meant by—we shall march together homewards. You see what condition we are in [and] the enemy advancing. We beseech you take this presently into your thoughts and hasten up the Earl of Manchester's forces. We need say no more. [*Ibid., p.* 263. *Copy* = ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 12. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Wm. Waller. You must be aware of the danger to Plymouth, many of the garrison having been drawn out by the Lord General [Essex], and how desirous the enemy will be to gain the same. The place is of very great consequence, especially in order to the reducing of the West. We therefore desire you to provide 600 foot, to secure that town, which may be shipped from Weymouth. We understand that the force in Lyme [Regis] is but small, and some of their commanders desert them, so that the place will be in some danger if an enemy should come before it. We recommend the securing of it to your care, and that arms and ammunition be speedily despatched thither by way of Weymouth. Sent by John Priestley. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., pp.* 29, 30. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 12. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We have received intelligence that a [Royalist] force of 400 horse, 400 dragoons, and 600 foot marching from Oxford have invaded the forces before Basing House and so relieved that garrison, whereof you must have had notice, seeing they must needs in their way from Oxford have passed within two miles of Abingdon. The Earl of Manchester's horse quarter this night about Luton and will be very speedily at Abingdon. We desire you to watch the movements of the [Royalist] party that is gone to Basing in order to cut off their passage and prevent their return to Oxford. Sent by Hanbury, junr., at 10 p.m. [*Ibid, p.* 30. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 12. Derby House. The same to Col. Norton. We received advertisement this day that a party [of Royalists] 1,400 strong from Oxford have fallen upon your quarters before Basing [House] and relieved the

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siege. We have instructed Major-Genl. Browne to intercept their return to Oxford. Sent by John Priestley. [*Ibid., p.* 31. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 13. 3. Ordinance of the Lords and Commons appointing Henry Brooke to be Sheriff of the county palatine of Chester, and making provision for supply of justice now obstructed in that county. [*Printed by order of Parliament, in pamphlet form, for Thos. Underhill, at the Bible in Wood-street,* 1644; *also printed in Lords' Journals vi., p.* 703. 7 *pp.*]

Sept. 13. 4. Examination of Christopher Charteris, cornet to Colonel Harvey. Concerning the dispute between Capt. Potter and Colonel Harvey in the market place, Melcombe Regis, about the sale of goods taken at sea, and sold at the Lord General's direction by the Judge Advocate. [*Endorsed:* "Charteris' examination on the Colonel's behalf." ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lords Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir Chs. Erskine, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That it be recommended to the Commons that there may be 500*l.* more, besides the 500*l.* already appointed, presently sent to the garrison of Lyme Regis, and that the House will take into consideration the good service done by Col. Ceely, the Governor of Lyme. 2. To write to Lord Admiral [Warwick] to send what gunpowder and match he can spare to Barnstaple. 3. The like to the Committee of the West, signifying what is written to the Lord Admiral concerning it. 4. To write to Sir W. Waller to send to Malmesbury for those forces, and to enclose a letter to be forwarded to Col. Massie or to the Governor of Malmesbury. 5. To despatch duplicates of the letters to Commissary-General Behre and Lieut.-Genl. Middleton. 6. Likewise of yesterday's letter to Sir W. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 194, 195.]

Sept. 13. Portsmouth. The Lord General [Essex] to the Committee of both kingdoms. I received your letter showing your great care for the happy agreement of our forces, fearing there should be any difference between Commissary-General Behr and Col. Middleton, and that I should send Sir William Balfour to take charge of the horse to prevent any disorder that might [otherwise] happen. My Lords, I should have been extremely willing to have complied with your desires if Sir Wm. Balfour's health would have permitted it. He is a man so full of honour as that I am confident he would not pretend disabilities unless it were upon great necessities, which he can best inform you of at his coming up. I hope the two former officers have too much honour in them than to prefer their own private spleens before the public good. For Commissary-General Behr, he has pressed me with a great deal of earnestness that he may return into his own country, or at least to have a pass for three months so soon as he has brought the horse into safety. For the present I hope there can be no dispute amongst them, for Col. Dalbier writes me word

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that my horse are so tired out that they must needs have seven or eight days' rest. In my letter from Plymouth I omitted to acquaint you that out of the 100 barrels of gunpowder last sent I left 60 at Plymouth and 1,000 arms. I desire that the clothes for the soldiers and arms may be speedily sent, also money provided, for very many of my officers are so plundered that without money to afford them necessary accommodation I shall hardly be able to make them take the field again. I have written by Sir John Bamfield and Mr. Nicoll to Col. Owen to march with his regiment to Weymouth, there to be shipped for Plymouth, which if you please to second by your power, or it be done by the Committee of the Militia, it would conduce much to the good of the service. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 228–230. *Copy*=1½ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Abingdon. Major-Genl. R. Browne to the same. I received yours of the 10th this afternoon concerning a convoy for the boots, &c., belonging to the Earl of Manchester's [army] now at Reading. I have not heard from any [one] in the premises, but will be willing to serve his Lordship when my horse are returned from Basing [House]. I hear by some that the enemy has come out of Basing again, by others not. Col. Massie in a letter from Chudely [Sudeley] Castle reports that Prince Rupert with 3,000 horse and 600 or 700 foot quartered last night at Evershalme [Evesham]. He believes his intention is for Banbury or this place, yet following them with some of his and of the Earl of Denbigh's horse desires me to send some of my own horse to him. You well know my strength of horse and how they are employed at present. I am sorry that I am not in a capacity to assist in so necessary a service as offers itself to me, but humbly desire you will write to him, to follow the enemy if he march hither. I further desire you would give order to Col. Norton's regiment of horse and what others may possibly be had, to come to our assistance. Sir Wm. Waller's carriages were 5 or 6 miles on their way when the enemy marched from Oxford; whereof I having notice sent for them back again hither, where they stay only for a safe passage. We are in an ill condition for want of horse and money, whereof I am ashamed to remember how oft I have troubled your honours. P.S.—The messenger who brought the last letter from Col. Massie tells me that the Colonel intends not to follow the enemy if he march this way, but to march back again. [*Ibid., pp.* 230, 231. *Copy*=1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Abingdon. The same to the same. By the copy of what I received from Burford this morning, it will appear how the case is like to be with us. I should gladly send assistance to Banbury, but the horse I had and about 150 dragoons, being all the horse I could get out of the country, with most of the officers' horses, I have sent under the command of Major Underwood after a party of 1,500 horse and dragoons that went from Oxford and Wallingford three days ago with some powder on horseback to relieve Basing, and I hear the enemy got into the house. I have not heard of my own men of late, nor of the enemy since he went in there, such is my condition for want of scouts. I conceive it will be best for us to secure this

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town and not to divide ourselves, whereby I fear the country have suffered much already. The fortifications about this town are not yet breastworks, and we have not men enough to man them round. We must needs suppose that the said forces of Oxford and Wallingford will join with Prince Rupert at his coming to them, and if we should be begirt, we have not provision for two days, nor must I be suffered to send for any more out of the country, though the soldiers else will starve, and in the meantime [they] are ready to mutiny daily for want of money, the Committee at Aylesbury yesterday blaming me for what we have done and in a sort forbidding me to send for any more, taking occasion from my sending into that county for workmen to hasten our fortifications. I refer all to your judgments, resolved humbly to obey what you please to command. P.S.—If Manchester's horse had come up hither according to your intimation, Basing had not been relieved, neither Banbury siege raised, nor any other hurt done by any forces we now expect. I desire to receive your commands concerning the continuance or calling off the forces at Newbury. If the horse and dragoons come timely from Basing, and if I may without prejudice to ourselves here, I shall send them to Banbury. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 231, 232. *Copy*=1½ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord High Admiral [Warwick]. We are informed that Barnstaple is in great want of gunpowder and match; we therefore desire you for this present exigent to furnish the garrison with such proportion as you can spare, till we can make a further provision for them. Sent by Crips at 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *p.* 31. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. The forces of Malmesbury have been some time in readiness, and upon your appointment of a rendezvous they will march to you. We have enclosed a letter to them, which you may send together with your orders. Sent by Mr. Hanbury at 9 p.m.; also by him duplicates of the Committee's letters of the 10th instant to the Lieut.-General Middleton, and Behr. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 13. Derby House. The same to Col. Massie or the Governor of Malmesbury. We understand that your forces which were appointed to go to Sir W. Waller are not yet come to him, although, as we are informed, they have been ready for some time past. We desire, upon receipt of his orders, that they may forthwith march to him, the present exigency of our affairs not admitting of any delay. Signed and enclosed in that to Sir W. Waller. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 32. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. 5. Examination of Colonel Martin Pyndar, one of the Commissioners appointed by Parliament to reside in the Earl of Essex's army. On the same subject as above; to prove that Colonel Harvey knew Mr. Potter to be one of the Parliament Commissioners, Colonel Pyndar having told him so in May last. [¾ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Manchester and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton,

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Maitland, and Warristone, Sir Chs. Erskine, Sir H. Vane, junr., Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew, Cromwell, Pierrepoint, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To inform Major-Genl. Browne [and] the forces before Banbury and Basing that Manchester's horse are upon their march towards Abingdon; to desire them to keep intelligence with them, and to give them notice of the enemy's postures and movements. We have given order [for Manchester] to order his march, upon intelligence received from you, as he shall conceive best for the public service. 2. To write to Sir Wm. Brereton and the Lancashire and Shropshire forces, to give what assistance they can to Sir Thos. Middleton at Montgomery Castle, he being there about service of very great importance. 3. That Col. Ven do attend in the afternoon, when the business submitted by the Committee of the three cos. [Oxon., Berks., and Bucks.] shall be considered, and that the said Committee [be desired] to put their desires in writing. 4. To write to the Committee of Surrey, noticing their good service, and desiring them to send up all the 517 barrels of gunpowder to the Tower, leaving out 20 for Sir Richd. Onslow. 5. Warrant for 30 barrels of gunpowder, with match and ball proportionable, to be sent for Arundel Castle. 6. To write to the Lord General, desiring him to send Sir Wm. Balfour in person to the horse, and to send him enclosed a copy of [Quartermaster-General] Dalbier's letter, and desire his Lordship to improve his horse in those parts. 7. To write to the Lord General and the officer in command of his horse, that the Committee receive intelligence that his horse have marched [to Blandford], notwithstanding orders sent to them to maintain intelligence with the other forces, and to hinder the King's onward march. Also to desire that the horse may not march eastward, but keep so far west as they can for that purpose. 8. To reply to Sir Wm. Waller that the Lord General has been written to, to take order for keeping back his horse in the west parts, and that the Earl of Manchester is advancing westward with all his forces, both horse and foot. 9. To write to the Committee of the three cos., Oxon., Berks., and Bucks., to assist Major-Genl. Browne in bringing in victuals and making provision for the security of Abingdon, and to acquaint Browne with what is written to that Committee. Mem.—The letter mentioned in this order was by the advice which the Committee of the three cos. sent to the Committees at Aylesbury and Reading. 10. That it be reported to the Commons that for providing of the train of artillery for the Lord General's army there will be 9,000*l.* required, whereof 3,000*l.* is to be paid presently, and an assignment to be made for the other 6,000*l.* 11. That the letter of the 13th instant from the Committee of Surrey at Kingston, and the order of this Committee concerning the sending of all powder as it is made to the Tower, be reported to the Commons, and to leave it to the House to take such notice thereof as they shall please. 12. That it be likewise reported that whereas this Committee did formerly recommend to the House the speedy sending of 200 barrels of gunpowder to the Scottish army,

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that the House will be pleased to give order that 200 of the 400 [barrels] that are come this day from Kingston may be sent thither if it belong to the State, otherwise, that satisfaction may be made to the owners thereof that the said proportion may be speedily sent away. 13. That a warrant be issued to Sir Walter Erle for 20 barrels of gunpowder, one tun of match, and two tuns of musket bullets to be sent to Aylesbury. 14. The like for delivery of 20 barrels of the gunpowder that was at Weybridge, Surrey, to Sir Richd. Onslow for the service against Basing [House]. 15. That Lord Say, Mr. Pierrepoint, and Mr. Solicitor do administer the oath of secrecy to the Earl of Manchester and Col. Cromwell. Mem.—That this was accordingly done. 16. To write to the Lord General [Essex] to send Sir Wm. Balfour to the House of Commons, to send a copy of [Quartermaster] Dalbier's letter, to desire Essex to improve his horse, fearing they should return, that we have received notice that the horse are returned as far as Blandford, and to desire that they may [be suffered to] return no further. Afternoon.—Ordered, 17. That Sir Robert King's petition be reported to the [Commons] House. 18. To write to the Lord General that the victuals shipped for his army was sent to Plymouth, that the Committee has informed this Committee that his Lordship has stayed a ship on her way, and to desire that ship may be sent thither. 19. To write to Major Genl. Browne to send to Farnham, with all speed, the provisions for Sir Wm. Waller. 20. To write to cos. Sussex, Surrey, and Hants. to pay those three troops [of horse] with Lieut.-Genl. Middleton which else will disband. 22. That it be reported to the Commons to pay the freight and petty charges of transporting the gunpowder and match to Portsmouth. 22. That this Committee has undertaken that Mr. Bence shall be repaid the said freight and charges. 23. Warrant for 200 rounds of 24 lbs., 12 lbs., and 9 lbs. ball to be sent to the Scotts' army. 24. That Manchester's forces do march up to Reading. 25. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] do go to [the Committee of] the Militia, and desire them in the name of this Committee to endeavour to stay their forces now with the Lord General, and to inform them that arms and clothes shall be provided for them as for the rest of the Lord General's army. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 195–198.]

Sept. 14. Blandford. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 10th present, and shall with all willingness be ready to unite with such commanders as your Lordships shall think fit to join with me for the good of this service, neither had I ever any thought to the contrary. But, my Lords, I must make it my humble suit, that as I shall join with others to serve you, so they may not be disjoined from me that should serve with me, I mean the Wilts. troops, of which one with Col. Ludlow is mine own, belonging to Sir Arthur Haselrigg's regiment, and those new troops belonging to Col. Ludlow are raised by my commission, and certainly, my Lords, if you saw my present condition, I am confident you would rather think it fit to add a considerable strength to me than to draw both in strength and reputation [from me]. I was

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promised 400 or 500 horse in this county; there is not one come in yet, neither am I likely to have any, when the country shall observe how little authority I have to command them, and how easily I am overpowered everywhere. I purpose to-morrow to visit Poole and Wareham and to put in some men and ammunition to secure them; the like I purpose to do for Weymouth and Lyme [Regis]. The enemy is at Tiverton. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 233. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 14. Blandford. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the same. We acquainted you in our last that one of us was going to Blandford and the other to Poole. At Blandford we cannot yet see any of the country horse; at Poole we found the garrison not victualed for 48 hours, and inquired into the condition of the other sea-towns. For Wareham the Committee resolved to have quitted that. Weymouth is not in a very ill condition, but Lyme [Regis] is. Col. [Wm.] Strode is with us, and altogether unable to send 500 men to Plymouth. Those few himself and the sheriff had raised are scattered, and those companies of ours that were drawn out of Lyme, and [were] with them, have left both them and the garrison. All the thousands we heard [of] when we were at your Committee are now one troop of horse, which he tells us are 100. Lyme being likely to endure the first shock, we hope to ship this day Col. [Anthony] Welden's regiment, which is under 300, to secure that place, and this day the rest of our foot will be at Wareham, where we intend to be this night, and to leave [there] so many foot as may defend it. We look upon it as a place of great consequence, neither can the works be slighted. To-morrow we purpose to be at Weymouth, where we shall labour to ship Col. Birch with the last regiment which came out of Kent, making about 700 for Plymouth. If we can effect these before the enemy advance near, it will be a great advantage to your affairs, whatsoever happen to us. Thus you see how all our foot will be disposed of The train [of artillery] and about 80 firelocks we shall leave at Poole, because of their want of ordnance. We desire the foot from Sussex and the Isle of Wight, and those two companies of Farnham that are before Basing [House], may be speeded. When the Earl of Manchester comes up we can, if need require, draw our foot quickly out of garrison. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 234, 235. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Portsmouth. The Lord General [Essex] to the same. I received letters this morning from [my] Sergeant-Major-General that our poor naked foot came the last night to Southampton and thereabouts. I cannot as yet give your Lordships an account of their number, only Col. [John] Butler, who commands my regiment, thinks that [they are] between 800 and 900 men; but I intend speedily to have a general muster both of horse and foot. The foot have been for the most part all plundered, both officers and soldiers, by a treacherous enemy, though I hear many of their officers took a great deal of pains to prevent it. Our horse did extremely gallantly in their retreat, though I hear they lost 200 horses, not by the enemy, but being [over] tired by their long march and want of shoeing; they

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having been previously weakened by continual duty and swimming their horses over at Saltash, and then marching from Plymouth to Barnstaple before they could give any relief to their horses. Many both officers and soldiers did very gallantly, having often skirmished with the enemy in their retreat, but especially Col. Sheffield, who is, as reported by men of quality, killed, having previously wounded 14 men with his own hands. Major Balfour and Captain Scrope, with others, did very well also. If these forces may have speedy relief of what is intended for them, I doubt not they will give a very good account of their actions; expedition is much in this, because the winter comes on so fast, and [it is advisable] that especial care be taken how the horse and foot enter into London without a sufficient pass, and that, if any horsemen come up with their horses and arms, they may be sent down again, and not as formerly, their horse and arms taken away and so lost to this army. My Lords, I received direction from you to deliver Commissary Bond 1,000*l.* for buying provisions in the Isle of Wight to be sent to Plymouth. I know very well the importance of the place, besides my desire to comply with your desires. The reasons why I have not done it are these—they have had the two shipload of victuals from me which came down, 2,000*l.* in money, and Mr. Leighton had 1,000*l.* more in his hands of this last 20,000*l.*, he being now in Plymouth, so that you will take it into consideration with the bleeding condition of the army. You will be pleased to consider that I have done to the utmost in these particulars. For your other command of sending a supply of men I have sent to Col. Owen, who has lain quiet all this while, to march to Weymouth to be shipped there for Plymouth, and besides I have in readiness Col. Stapeley's men, what I can get in the Isle of Wight, or the Plymouth men, who are come along; so soon as ever shipping can be got, the first that are ready shall be sent away, which is like to be out of the 20,000*l.* [*Ibid., pp.* 235, 236. *Copy* = 1¾ *pp.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We renew our request that Sir Wm. Balfour may go in person to the horse, and desire you to improve your cavalry in those parts, joining them with Sir W. Waller's, in order to hinder the King's march eastward, which we the rather do at this time by reason of the intimation given in the enclosed. Fearing there may be in the [cavalry] some intentions to return home and leave the King's army to follow without resistance, we desire they may continue as far westward as they can for the time. Sent by Mr. Newman at 2 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 32. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Skippon. When we first received the sad news of the ill condition of our affairs in the west, we immediately took order for a supply of both arms and clothes, knowing your need of both, for your unarmed and plundered men. Some of those arms are already in those parts, and the rest with some clothes will be sent within very few days. The remainder of the clothes will be sent as fast as they can possibly be made. We

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desire you to improve your great influence with the soldiers to keep them together and keep up their spirits, till being both armed and clothed they may be able to take a just revenge of the perfidious plunderings of their enemies, of which [duty] we believe they have such a sense as they will easily be persuaded to keep, together till they can vindicate themselves. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 33. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to the Lord General [Essex]. Upon consideration of the straitened condition of Plymouth the provisions intended for your army are now appointed for that place. The Committee of the West, being informed that the ship with those provisions was stopped by your Lordship on her way and brought back to Portsmouth for supply of your army, have requested us to write to you to send those provisions to Plymouth, which we desire you to put in execution speedily, hoping that your army may procure provisions where they are, or from hence if there should be necessity, but which cannot be so easily conveyed to Plymouth, the condition of which requires a present supply. Sent by John Craven at 9 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 33, 34. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to Sir W. Waller. We have received your and Lieut.-Genl. Middleton's letter of the 12th instant, with the enclosed from Quartermaster-General Dalbiere. We have renewed our request to the Lord General to send Sir W. Balfour in person to command the horse. We have likewise sent him a copy of Dalbiere's letter, and signified our apprehensions of the return of his horse homeward according to the intimation of that letter, and therefore desired his Lordship that his horse joined with yours may continue as far westward as they can to prevent the King's coming eastward. We have written to the same effect to the officer commanding the horse in chief. The Earl of Manchester's forces are upon their march to Abingdon. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 34. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Surrey. We received your letter of the 13th, and are very sensible of your care in preserving the magazine of gunpowder at Weybridge which lay in so dangerous a condition. We desire you to have the same conveyed safely to the Tower, reserving 20 barrels for Sir Richard Onslow for the service of Basing [House]. P.S.—We understand since writing this that you have sent hither 400 barrels; we desire you to send the rest with all the speed you can. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 34, 35. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Surrey, Sussex, and Hants. We are informed that the three troops of horse belonging to your Association with Lieut.-Genl. Middleton have received no pay for a long time, and are now in such extreme want that, if they are not speedily supplied, they will undoubtedly disband, which would greatly prejudice our affairs as they now stand, and prove an exceeding bad example to others. We therefore desire you forthwith to provide for them a considerable proportion of their arrears,

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and send it them with all expedition, as you tender the safety of your own Association and the public good. Sent by Capt. Jervois, who came about the business of Sir Wm. Waller. [*Ibid., p.* 35. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to [the officer acting as] Commander-in-Chief of the Lord General's horse. We have received notice that your horse are marched eastward as far as Blandford, which we wonder at, considering we have given order to you to keep intelligence with the horse of Sir W. Waller, and joining with them to hinder, as far as you were able, the King's march eastward, that those countries may not be left for the King to refresh and recruit in, which we hope you will now take especial care of. Sent by John Craven. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to Major-Genl. Browne. We are informed that there were left at Abingdon by Waller 2,000 shirts, 1,000 pair of shoes, 200 breeches, and 300 coats, of which his soldiers stand in great need. We desire you to send the same with all expedition to Farnham, of which you are to certify Sir Wm. Enclosed we send a duplicate of our letter to the Committee of Aylesbury and Reading for your supply with provisions. Sent by Mr. Jennings' son at night. [*Ibid., p.* 36. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Reading and Aylesbury. We have received notice from Major-Genl. Browne that he is in great want of victuals at Abingdon, which may endanger that town. You are to effectually assist him in furnishing the same, which we hope you will do in regard of your particular and the common interest. Sent by John Priestley. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to Wem, Lancashire, and Sir Wm. Brereton. Sir Thos. Middleton has done very good service in Montgomeryshire, which will be of very great consequence if he be enabled to make it good. But we are informed that great forces are going against him, and that he is there in some straits wherein we earnestly desire that he may with all expedition be relieved. We desire you to send to him what forces you can and such provisions as he may need, in order that he may be enabled to keep those parts. Sent by Mr. Middleton. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 14. Derby House. The same to Cols. John Fiennes and Whetham. Manchester's horse are marching from the vicinity of Luton towards Abingdon, and we desire you to keep up good communication with them while on the march, informing them of the true state of the enemy's position and movements, and also of your own condition. We have instructed the officer in command of those horse, upon receipt of your intelligence, to order his march in such manner as he shall conceive best for the public service. Sent by John Priestley at 9 p.m. [*Ibid., p.* 37. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 15. Poole. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. I was employed in executing your commands of the 12th before I received them. I have put into this town my train [of artillery] and the

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firelocks that attend it, and have ordered the bringing in of provisions, which I doubt most in regard of the slow proceedings of the Committee. This morning I march for Wareham to see that place secured, and thence to Weymouth, and so by sea to Lyme [Regis], in all which I will leave some force. I was prevented by contrary wind yesterday from putting the old Kentish regiment into Lyme, but to-day I march with them by land to Weymouth, together with the new Kentish, and purpose from thence to send the old to Lyme, and the new, which is 700 strong, to Plymouth. I was promised 500 or 600 horse out of this county, but not one troop has yet appeared, and Col. Ludlow's regiment is diverted from me. The Lord General [Essex's] horse has marched away towards Salisbury, and I have reason to fear they will not stay there, but you will quickly know the truth. Truly, my Lords, I am in a very weak condition, having nothing with me but my Lieut.-General's party, which is about 1,500 horse and 800 dragoons, besides those poor troops which I brought with me. I have not one horse come to me, either out of Wilts. or this county [Dorset], to mount a musketeer, so that if the King advance all that I can do is but to retire, before I be forced to run. I beseech you to pardon plain truth and believe I will not fail to serve you to my last breath, to the utmost of my power. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 237. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 15. Abingdon. Major-Genl. R. Browne to the same. I am sorry you have not received my two letters already sent containing an account of the business concerning the relief of Basing [House] by the enemy. On the 10th inst. the enemy marched out of Oxford, gave our horse guards an alarm on one side of the town, while they marched by on the other. Our scouts instantly discovered their march to Wallingford. Whereupon, having notice, I commanded all my horse from their quarters and guards, got some horse from the towns nearest us, and caused many officers to lend their horses, on which I mounted 150 musketeers, and presently sent them away under command of Major Underwood, in whom I reposed much confidence, with instructions under my hand, to march presently towards Wallingford, and if the enemy was still there then to quarter as near them as he might, between them and Newbury, and to be very watchful of their movements [from] thence; that if they marched towards Newbury he was to march thither before them to the assistance of our forces there. If towards Basing or Reading he was to send timely notice thereof to those places, following and disturbing their rear as much as he might. If the enemy desisted [from] their design and when they returned to Oxford, he was to give me immediate intelligence thereof, that I might meet them with a party of foot; he was not to engage himself till he came to join with other forces unless with apparent safety. All this I did upon notice of the enemy's march, and expected a happy issue. But Major [Underwood], beyond order, quartered the first night at Newbury, where, for want of good intelligence, he lay till the enemy, though with some loss, got into

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Basing, notwithstanding all our works and men there. At length Major Underwood came leisurely with his own party and an addition from Newbury and Reading, timely enough to have kept them in had Col. Norton and he joined together. Now why they retreated and how they suffered the enemy to march away having such advantages against them, is as great a riddle as a trouble to my thoughts, and I doubt no good account can be given of it. In the meantime I conceive you will believe that more could not be done by me, nor sooner than was acted, it being also at a time when I received intelligence from Col. Massie of Prince Rupert's drawing down this way with 3,000 or 4,000 mostly horse, as I have already informed you in several letters. I left no horse at all in [this] town, but some few belonging to officers, who, together with mine own [horse], have since kept guard. With them and a party of foot we marched the same night towards Oxford, brought off some horses and other cattle from within musket shot of their works, those left in Oxford never drawing forth nor once shooting at us. And I conceive that, had we had a sufficient party and provision for scaling, we might with little difficulty have taken the town, otherwise I fear impregnable. Of the enemy's retreat neither had I any notice from Major Underwood, yet understanding of their being at Wallingford yesterday I made ready a party of foot to meet them, but discovered their march to be through Chiselton [Chisledon], too far for foot without horse to follow an enemy all of horse, who might choose their route and are not necessitated to come within two miles, nor even ten, of this town [Abingdon] as you are informed. I confess myself much ashamed at the carriage of this business, which indeed promised so good effect, and to accommodate which nothing on my part was wanting. But, however, it failed unhappily in what was intended and hoped for, by that means both Reading and Newbury have been secured, which otherwise had not been. I am glad to hear of the Earl of Manchester's coming towards this place. I hope that thereby somewhat may be done against Oxford if the time of year be not too far spent. Our straits are very much for match, whereof we spend much, being constantly upon our watch, together with money, we being seven weeks behind in pay, and thereby in a sad condition. I submit all to your judgment. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 238—240. *Copy.* 2½ *pp.*]

Sept. 16. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, [the Scotch] Lord Chancellor, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir G. Gerard, Sir Chas Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Manchester's forces do come up and lie about Woodstock and Abingdon in the best quarters they can find. 2. That a warrant be issued for 60 barrels of gunpowder and two vats of match to be sent to Newport, whereof 10 to be returned to Sir Samuel Luke for so many lent for Banbury, 30 to be sent to the siege at Banbury, and the remaining 20 to be left at Newport to be in readiness for the said siege. 3. To write

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to Col. Owen to go with his regiment to Weymouth, there to be shipped for Plymouth, the same to be signified to the [Committee of the] Militia, who are desired to write to the same end. 4. To forward to Sir W. Waller a duplicate of the letter for sending 600 men to Plymouth. 5. To write to the Lord General [Essex] to take notice of Commissary Behre's desire and give him a pass to go to his own country. 6. That Mr. Recorder [Glynn] be desired to go to the Militia and request that at all the courts-of-guard such horse or foot as come from the armies may be taken, men, horses, and arms, and to advertise this Committee thereof. 7. That it be reported to the [Commons'] House, that [this clause] may be added to the articles of martial law, by which the Council of War sitting in London do proceed, "That such as run away from their colours may be tried by them." 8. To write to Sir Wm. Waller that in case he find the King's forces to march eastward, [this Committee] leave him to use his discretion in the meantime, until our other forces can march westward to join him. 9. Warrant for 40 barrels of gunpowder, two tuns of match, and a tun of small bullets for the garrison of Southampton. 10. To write to the Lord General taking notice of his letter, and desiring that the 1,000*l.* worth of victuals to be provided by Mr. Bond may be made up and sent to Plymouth, which money we intend shall be only borrowed and restored speedily. 11. Warrant for Sir Walter Erle for casting of 12 drakes for the Lord General's army. 12. That it be reported to both Houses that the Committee appointed for treating with the Militia of London for sending out forces may attend that service. 13. Warrant for 40 grenades to be sent to Banbury. 14. That the state of the war and condition of the armies be taken into consideration in the afternoon. Afternoon.—Ordered, 15. To write to Sir Wm. Waller acknowledging his good service in securing the seaports and Wareham, for which he deserves thanks. 16. To write to the Earl of Leven and the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army] giving notice of the [enemy's] forces that have entered Yorkshire, and desiring [Leven] so far as the present service will permit to assist with his horse Lord Fairfax in the defence of that county and the city of York. 17. That it be reported to the Commons that money may be sent to Lord Fairfax for raising forces in Yorkshire for defence of those parts. 18. That the Commons be desired to take some course for satisfying the owners of the gunpowder which was lately brought from Weybridge into the Tower, there being a necessity for supplying several garrisons speedily. 19. That a warrant be issued to Lieut.-Col. Row for two vats of match for the forces before Banbury, and that the warrant to Sir Walter Erle for the match be recalled. That it be reported to the Commons House. 20. That the goods of James Brooke, Alderman of York, may pass into Amsterdam or Rotterdam without interruption according to the engagement and warrant of the Earl of Callender. 21. That it be reported to the [Commons] House that the men of Ipswich claiming an interest in the ship lately at Hartlepool shall carry the ship and goods therein to Amsterdam or Rotterdam, putting in sufficient caution in the Admiralty [Court]

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for their return hither or to Ipswich, so that if any other can pretend title to her they may take their course at law on her return. The 12 muskets to be brought back with the ship under the same security. 22. The grenades to be left behind and put into the stores. 23. That Lieut.-Col. Mackworth and the other two gentlemen be liberated to go along with the said ship. 24. To write to all the garrisons to certify their state. 25. That a warrant be issued to [John] Browne, the gunfounder, that having mixed the metal from the States [of Holland] with such commixture as he shall think fit to cast it into so many drakes of 3 lbs. ball as it will make, and then return them into the stores, and that for his mixture and manufacture this Committee will take course that he shall be paid. 26. To write to Lord Fairfax to take notice of some forces of the enemy that are come into Yorkshire, and to desire him with all his forces to secure the safety of York. That a clause be added narrating the state of our affairs as to our losses, the care taken of the maritime towns, and of the raising of a new army. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 198–201.]

Sept. [16.] Abingdon. Major-Genl. R. Browne to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have already acquainted you that I have been forbidden by the Committee at Aylesbury to send warrants into the counties for labourers to make the fortifications here, or money in lieu thereof, which would be a great encouragement to the soldiers to work for them, telling me it ought not to be done but by them. They have made stay of such warrants, and the work becomes retarded thereby. If you wish the fortifications to go forward, I desire to know what course I shall take therein, being very willing that the Committee do it, rather than myself, who am loath to charge the country therewith or with provisions at all, if I could possibly help it. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 240. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

Sept. 16. Abingdon. The same to the same. Those necessaries for Sir Wm. Waller were six miles on their way to Farnham, when the enemy marched to Basing. I was then forced to send for them back for their security. The horses that then drew those carriages I was necessitated to make use of for dragoons, and so weak and tired they were that few of them are yet returned. This country is so emptied of horses that I much fear I shall not be able to perform your commands unless some be sent from other parts, however, I shall endeavour it. I thank you for your care of our security, but submit, when the works are made strong here, whether it would not be necessary to lay up a store of cheese, biscuit, bacon, pease, and oatmeal in this garrison, which, if not spent, may be sold at the year's end with little loss. [*Ibid., p.* 241. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 16. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We have received your letters of the 13th and 14th, wherein you signify what provisions have been sent unto Plymouth and the reason why you have forborne giving 1,000*l.* to Commissary Bond for making provision to be sent thither. We are very sensible of the wants of your army, and shall endeavour to supply them, but

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considering the great importance of Plymouth and its danger if not timely supplied, the enemy's forces being now before it, we again desire you to give Commissary Bond 1,000*l.* to buy provisions to be sent thither, it being our intention only to borrow the money for a short time. In yours of the 13th inst., you write that Com.-General Behre has earnestly pressed to be allowed to return to his own country. It being his own desire, we desire you to grant him a pass to that effect. Sent by Mr. Crips at 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *pp.* 37, 38. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept 16.. Derby House. The same to Colonel Owen. The consequence of maintaining Plymouth is so great that we have recommended it to the especial care of the Lord General, who has given you orders to march to Weymouth with your regiment, to be thence shipped to Plymouth, which instructions you are to put in execution with all expedition lest the town should be endangered for want of defenders. Sent as above. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 38. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 16. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received yours of the 14th, wherein we learn your assiduous care in securing the port towns of those parts, especially Wareham, which we take to be a most seasonable and acceptable service. We leave it to your diligence to improve the force you have as opportunity offers for the best advantage of our affairs. If the King march eastward, engage not upon disadvantage, as we have other forces speedily marching that way. Sent by Waller's messenger at 5 p.m. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 38, 39. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 16. Derby House. The same to Ferd. Lord Fairfax. We are informed of the sudden appearance of near 2,000 horse and dragoons about Pontefract, which may endanger the city of York. We desire you to have special care for the defence of that city, with all the force under your command, and this the rather by reason of our loss in the west, which requires us for the present to look that way. The state of which loss was thus,—our horse, straitened for provisions, brake through without any loss, and are now about [Salisbury]; notwithstanding many skirmishes by the way [they escaped] without any loss save what was of tired and worn out horses. Our foot left without horse, and wanting victual, were forced upon capitulation to deliver up their arms and train of artillery; they were pillaged on their way by a perfidious enemy, but [are] now arrived at Southampton with spirits ready for a revenge, and we have taken care for [provision of] clothes and arms to enable them to do it. The seaports and those parts are all secured. We are drawing all our forces together into those parts, aud hope that the enemy will not make such advantage of our loss as they have promised themselves. The Commons this day ordered 200 barrels of gunpowder to be sent to Sunderland for the use of the Scottish army, but if that quantity has been already supplied by your Lordship, as we have been informed by Mr. White, then it is to be returned from Sunderland to Hull for the use of your army, to which purpose we have written to the Committee of both kingdoms [resident

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in the Scottish army] and the Earl of Leven. Sent by Mr. Hutchins at night. [*Ibid., pp.* 39, 40. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

Sept. 16. Derby House. The same to the Earl of Leven and the Committee of both kingdoms [resident in the Scottish army]. We received information this morning that near 2,000 horse and dragoons are about Pontefract, whose sudden approach into those parts may perhaps endanger the city of York. We desire you to hold correspondence with Lord Fairfax, and assist him with so much of your horse as you can spare for the defence of York. The Commons to-day gave order for 200 barrels of gunpowder to be sent to Sunderland for the use of your army, but if Lord Fairfax has sent you 200 barrels, let this be sent to Hull for the use of his forces, if they stand in need thereof and you can spare it. Sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 40, 41. *Copy*=⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 17. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That a letter be written to the Committee of Wem. 2. That the Lord General may have the like ordinance to take horses for his recruits in cos. Hants., Dorset, Wilts., Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall as Sir W. Waller hath. 3. That the gentlemen of Somerset do attend this afternoon. 4. That the letter of the 15th inst. of the Governor of Lyme Regis be recommended to the Committee of the West. Afternoon.—Resolved, 5. That the Propositions for Peace now read are agreed unto and are to be reported to the House [of Commons]. That the preamble and conclusion are approved of, and that they be reported to the House. [*Interregnum 7 E., pp.* 201, 202.]

Sept. 17. Gloucester. Colonel Edward Massie to the Committee of both kingdoms. By yours of the 10th inst. I understand your care in commanding the advance of all such forces in the kingdom as could be spared towards the West. I shall faithfully observe your commands still being in that posture enjoined me, only the Wilts. forces not called in, which upon your commands shall be speedily executed also. Since my last of the 9th, being that day upon the march, you may be pleased to receive this account, that at that time those many troops of horse under the command of Sir Marmaduke Langdale, following the army of Prince Rupert, being come into Herefordshire, and quartering in that part adjoining Worcester; a portion of them joined with Col. Lyngham's [Lingen's] six troops of horse, and advanced within four or five miles of this city [Gloucester], there plundering and driving away the country people, their cattle and goods. I drew thereupon from Bristol side to prevent that ruin as well as to hinder their other designs, either of raising the siege of Banbury or of joining with Prince Rupert. Beating them from that side Severn and out of all these their quarters, they passed through Worcester with the addition of Col. Sands [Sandys'] horse, Sir Wm. Russell's horse and foot, and what additions of foot Dudley Castle and those parts could afford them. Thus having as

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they supposed left me on the other side Severn, and too far in the rear to overtake them in their march, they thought to have passed clear to Banbury. But upon receiving news of their passing Worcester I immediately boated my men over by Tewkesbury, and got to the hills as far as Stanway hill, where I sent to the Earl of Denbigh's major of horse to join me. That evening, Thursday last, we rendezvoused there horse and foot, and understanding that the enemy had marched towards Stratford, and was passed us, I commanded the foot back, resolving to march with our horse to join with Col. Fiennes at Banbury before the enemy could fall upon them, but while thus debating we sent out our scouts for discovery. They found the enemy, being 500 or 600 horse, come over at Evesham and some foot left on this side the bridge to make good their repass, one half of their force lying about Evesham, and the other at or near Pershore. But the enemy receiving intelligence of our being before them upon the hill took alarm and so retreated back towards Worcester again, and now the greater part of them lie beyond Worcester. Their number is computed to be about 2,500 horse, ill armed. There are diverse brigades of horse and near 50 colours when they are together. I have now marched a good part of my horse and foot again over the Severn, to save the country from the enemy's incursions and spoil, and intend to watch their march, for this I conceive to be the intention of your Committee, although in this I have as much discouragement as any man who serves the Parliament ever had. I am cast into misery not only for lack of some support for officers of both horse and foot, but owing to the necessities of our troops, who have received nothing considerable to encourage them to stay with me, so that they run away daily; my own troop which five weeks ago was 80 strong is now not above 55, and other troops reduced almost to nothing. I have received only 10*l.* since my return to Gloucester, and this not for my own particular use, but to supply the wants of others. I have made known to the Committee here my necessity, but receive only fair words, so that to go forward in my business I am obliged to pledge my own credit. Although I receive no allowance for my service yet others must, or else no service but difference will be done. Without money neither scout, spy, nor intelligencer will stir out, nor any brave action be done by any soldier. Unless care be speedily taken for us the soldiers cannot be kept together, nor be under any command, and I myself know not how to subsist. I therefore beg you to move the Houses of Parliament that some speedy course may be taken to supply us with money, so that my endeavours in augmenting our forces be not all lost through our necessities. I know that service which most restrains the action of the enemy is the most useful to the public, and therefore again submit to your consideration the advisability of establishing a sufficient strength in these parts to check the enemy in his marches and recruiting. The necessity we are in for supplies forces our horse to leave us and seek some better entertainment elsewhere. Our wants are so many that I fear I shall not be able to march this week by half so strong as the last. The

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reason of some part of the neglect of these forces I perceive proceeds from the Committee's resolution not to support a strength above the constant number required by these garrisons. Owing to their resolve to proportion their forces to the entertainment our horse are likely to be altogether unprovided for, if care be not taken by the Parliament. I am now upon my march in pursuit of the enemy, who rendezvoused this day 42 troops of horse within three miles of Hereford. They promise to take their passage over [the Severn] at Aust [in Gloucestershire], not daring to pass the other way since we forced their retreat that way from Evesham. It is reported that Prince Rupert and the Marquis of Hertford have crossed over at Aust passage into [Dean] forest, with 500 or 600 horse and foot, the better to secure that passage which they have commenced fortifying at Beachley, a place of exceeding difficult approach. I hope we shall beat them off from that passage and further dissipate their forces. The Wilts. horse I understand to be at or near to Salisbury, [so] that I am uncertain of their coming. With what force I have or can get to march with me I shall use my best diligence to prevent the enemy's return or passage towards Bristol. I hope your Honours' letter to the Committee [at Gloucester] will stop their intended proceedings and keep them in their circuit, myself being willing to pass by a multitude of absurdities, and ready in anything wherein there is safety and reason to comply with them. For the future I trust to give as good an account to the State of my service as I have done in time past. I am bold once more to remind your Honours of our necessities, and to beseech your care for a supply that we be not ruined for want of money. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 242–247. *Copy* = 4⅔ *pp.*]

Sept. 17. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-Genl. Whichcott and his officers. We are very sensible of your wants and losses through the base dealing of a perfidious enemy, which we are confident, from experience of your former good service, you will be ready to revenge upon all occasions for the better encouragement of your soldiers. We shall take care that clothes and arms be speedily sent to your soldiers and the rest of the Lord General's army, whom we are confident will as formerly continue to contribute their best endeavours for opposing that enemy who has been so injurious to both, and nothing shall be wanting in our endeavours which may further their good accommodation. Sent by Mr. Potter at 9 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 41. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 17. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Dorsetshire. We have written to the governors of the several garrisons in your county to provide themselves with all necessary accommodations, especially ammunition and victuals, and to certify us the state thereof, in which service we desire you to assist them. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ¼ *p.*]

Sept. 17. Derby House. Circular letter from the Committee of both kingdoms to [the Governors of] Arundel, Farnham, Chichester, Portsmouth, South-

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ampton, Windsor, Abingdon, Aylesbury, Newport, Wareham, Pool, and Weymouth. That your garrison may be in greater security, if any attempt should be made upon it, we desire it may be supplied with what is necessary for its maintenance. We require to be certified what store of ammunition and victuals you have, and what numbers of men, also how many you think requisite for keeping that place. You are to take care to supply yourselves with all necessary accommodation, and especially of victuals and ammunition, and to see that all defects of fortification are perfected. You are to certify us immediately the state of your garrison. Sent as above. That to Windsor given to Col. Venn, the 18th, in the morning, he being at Derby House, and those for Aylesbury and Newport to Mr. Binding. [*Ibid., p.* 42. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 17. Derby House. The same to Mr. Mackworth. The importance of your presence in those parts is such that we desire your stay in Shropshire, notwithstanding your stewardship at Coventry or your attendance upon it. Left to Mr. Pierrepont's care to convey to him. [*Ibid. Copy* = ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 17. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Wem. We are informed that the works about Oswaldstree [Oswestry] are not finished, and the few men there unpaid. We desire you to endeavour to supply these defects, that the garrison may be secured. Sent by Mr. Pierrepont's care. [*Ibid., p.* 43. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 18. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Lord General [Essex], informing him of the sending of 3,000 arms and 2,000 clothes for his army; to desire to be informed how many horse and foot are in his army, and when they will be ready for service. They are to keep as much westward as they can with safety. 2. To write to the Committee of Manchester's Association, desiring them to enforce the ordinance for putting their forces in a posture. 3. That the Earl of Manchester leave 1,500 horse and dragoons about Oxford for better security of his Association. 4. That Manchester's foot which are about St. Alban's and Amersham do march to Reading. 5. To meet to-morrow at 8 a.m., to consider the question of commands. 6. Warrant to Sir Walter Erle for delivery of 100 barrels [of gunpowder] to Col. White, for the use of Lord Fairfax, [being] part of the 200 barrels ordered for the Scottish army. 7. That the Militia be desired to send a convoy of dragoons with the arms and clothes for the Lord General's army as far as Godalming. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 202, 203.]

Sept. 18. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. I understand the Committee of Militia of London did very lately send down 1,000*l.* to Col. Owen to pay his regiment, and at Southampton I sent 1,000*l.* to Major-Genl. Whitchcott for the pay of the two other

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City regiments, and as soon as they had received their money they were very earnest for leave to return home to London with their regiments. But I told them, till I knew your pleasure or heard from the Committee of the Militia, I should regard such as runaways, wherefore according as you signify your pleasure I shall give them answer. This day I received a second direction for payment of 1,000*l.* to Mr. Bond to buy provisions for Plymouth, although I came from thence lately and know that men and money are what they want most, and victuals least, besides the bleeding necessities both of officers and soldiers here. I have paid 480*l.* to the Plymouth foot for their despatch thither, and what other forces are sent thither must be out of the charge of this army, yet knowing it is my part to acquaint you with the inconveniences, which is my discharge, as soon as Mr. Bond comes I shall deliver him the money. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 241, 242. *Copy* = $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. [18]. [Plymouth.] [John Lord Robartes] to the same. Although the condition of this place [Plymouth] and the consequence of it be not unknown to you, yet I could not but represent what has happened since the last relation. Yesterday the King, Prince Maurice, [Lord] Hopton, and [Sir Richard] Grenville came before the town, and about 10 a.m. began to line the hedges, and by their shelter approached very near the works. The remainder of that day was spent in exchange of great and small shot and some little horse service, which [arm] this town doth exceedingly want. The chief [portion] of this garrison, both horse and foot, are absent with the foot of the Lord General's army. This town has been assisted by the Vice-Admiral, who still rides here, and had the whole fleet done so the King probably would not have attempted this place. The soldiers who remain being so ill paid are low in courage but loud in complaints. Many of the inhabitants [are] cold and indifferent, weary of a two years' siege. The ammunition scant and such as a little time will exhaust, [besides] want of arms, deadness of spirit, and I doubt not a [disaffected] party within. This day, upon the return of the trumpet, it is probable the enemy will storm the works. If they form a siege time will be allowed for an after supply. This morning there came a woman with a sealed letter from the Earl of Digby, the original I send you, and immediately after the summons Grenville summoned the town whilst the Lord General was in it, but being a fugitive he received no answer. I hear nothing of our horse but that they are gone eastward, had they attended the King's movements I do not see how he could have attempted this or any other place. You know well the importance of this place, and how much better it is to defend than regain, the sad aspect of which induced my stay here a few days to see if I could contribute anything to the public [advantage]. [*Ibid., pp.* 248, 249. *Copy* = $1\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 18. Plymouth. John Lord Robartes to the same. Since my last, which I hope has been received, the King removed some miles from this town, and continues yet at Tavistock, Sir Richard Grenville and his forces quarter at Plympton. The King uses all industry to compel all

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men able to bear arms in Cornwall and Devon to come to him. This place, as I represented in my last, wants very much men, money, arms, and ammunition of all sorts, of which speed is as necessary as the matter to a supply. I have not heard one syllable from the East since the siege till this day, and now only that some men are coming. If, when you take the condition of this place into consideration, you provide for the victualing of the ships belonging to the State which are here, it will much uphold the spirits, and, I think, the walls of the town, which has been, in great measure, defended by them. P.S.—Since the writing of this I am assured that the King is removed from Tavistock and is marched eastward. Grenville remains at Plympton. This night Col. Birch with his regiment of foot is come hither. [*Ibid., p.* 249. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 18. Weymouth. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the same. At our first coming into these parts, finding what wants the sea towns were in and how little the Committee had done, we resolved to our poor power their relief. We lately received your letters commanding the same. Col. Birch with his regiment is gone with a fair wind for Plymouth. Yet we hear it with confidence reported that on Saturday the King drew off his ordnance and army to Roborough Down, which is four miles from Plymouth, and there held a council of war, and that he himself is at Exeter. Birch has orders that if the siege be raised he land not his men but return to Weymouth. We have sent about 300 men to Lyme [Regis]. The stay of that Governor [Col. Weare] so long at London will be the hazard of the town. If he be not coming down let him be sent with all speed. The Governor of Weymouth deserves encouragement; yet the town requires so much fortification that there is much to do. The citadel is almost completed. All my foot are disposed for the keeping these garrisons, and the arms that were appointed to furnish [new] men, if any came in, are commanded another way. We shall labour to do what service we can, being assured that you expect no more than is entrusted to us. The power is not come into these parts, had it been here all your garrisons should have been furnished that are now in want, and must be supplied. If the siege of Basing [House] be not continued we entreat for Col. Norton's company with his regiment of horse and what foot can be spared from any place, for therein is our great want. Your letter to Col. Massie for sending the foot is gone to him. We desire the Wilts. horse may likewise come to us; we hear they are about 400. The House of Commons promised that when we were on our march the 5,000*l.* should be sent to us, we humbly beseech you to remind them of it. There is a report that Lieut.-Genl. Middleton should raise thousands; upon examination it will not prove so; we know false rumours hinder the public service, and it is the enemy's policy to cast them abroad. [*Ibid., pp.* 250, 251. *Copy* 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 18. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the same. Understanding that the garrison of Newport, whereof Sir Samuel Luke is Governor, is very

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much weakened by reason that the forces are drawn out for service in the field and the neglect of executing the Parliament's ordinance for raising of men and money for a supply and maintenance thereof, I recommended the condition thereof to your consideration as a place very considerable, and the Governor a gentleman very worthy of your encouragement. *Ibid., p.* 253. [*Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 18. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. There are now ready 3,000 arms and 2,000 clothes, which will be sent towards you to-morrow, and the rest are procuring and will be sent after. We desire to be certified what number of horse and foot are in your army, and when they will be ready for service. We desire that they may remain as far westward as they can with safety, lest by their coming this way they be scattered and lost, but let them still keep intelligence with the forces of Sir W. Waller, that they may be assistant to each other according to our former orders. Give notice hither of what intelligence you have of the state of the King's army and his movements. Sent by Mr. Bulmer. Also a duplicate of our letter of the 12th to Sir W. Waller for 600 foot for Plymouth. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., pp.* 43, 44. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 19. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Manchester and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, Maitland, and Warristone, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the letter now read be sent to the Committee of Norfolk. 2. Warrant for Sir Walter Erle to deliver the other half of the 200 barrels [of gunpowder], ordered by the Commons to be sent to the Scottish army, to Mr. Johnston. 3. To write to the Committee of Sussex for securing of Cawdrey House. 4. To write to Lord Fairfax desiring him to send what horse he can spare to join Col. Rossiter in clearing the Earl of Manchester's Association of the [King's] forces come from Pontefract to Newark. 5. The like to Sir John Gell and the Committee of Notts. 6. That the letter to Lord Inchiquin now read be reported to the Commons, who are desired to pass the ordinance. 7. To write to the Lord General, informing him of the advertisements sent to him from this Committee, and of their resolution to continue the same. Also to advertise him of the state of the forces to be sent into the west, and desire that all differences between his army and Sir W. Waller may be forgotten, and a good correspondence maintained, likewise that Sir Philip Stapleton, who was fully acquainted with the debates of this Committee, did lately repair to him. 8. That the Lord General's letter be further considered to-morrow. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 203, 204.]

Sept. 19. Blandford. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. Yesterday we came from Weymouth, a town of the greatest concernment in these parts. The garrison is about 300, but the works not finished. We left 300 foot to assist them, and they need more. We are now returning to Wareham, and

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what we can do shall be done towards the preservation of the sea towns. We expected some companies from Chichester, the Isle of Wight, and other places. We hear not from them, only we received this from Lieut.-Col. Bodley, which is here enclosed. We fear some of the garrisons will want these men. We submit all to your Lordships, and will observe your commands. P.S.—We humbly entreat the Association may speedily send money for the Lieut.-General's troops, also that the 5,000*l.* be not longer delayed. One man is already hanged for mutiny. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 247. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 19. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the same. I have received a letter directed to the Committee of Hants. and myself, wherein you show care for the good of this town, which was never more needful, it being a place of very great consequence, but very ill provided of all things, there being great want of men and no money to pay them, no magazine of corn, the works go to decay, and few carriages able to endure a shot. But I have written at large to you this day by Col. Jephson, Lieut.-Governor of this town. [*Ibid., p.* 251. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 19. Portsmouth. The same to the same. This gentleman, Col. Ogleby, having done very gallant service in my army, and suffered much loss lately by the enemy, I take this opportunity to recommend him to your favourable consideration, that you will be pleased to move the Parliament on his behalf, or do otherwise for him as in your wisdoms you shall think fit. [*Ibid., p.* 255. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 19. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committee of the Association at Cambridge and the Committee of Norfolk. You now see the sad effects of the delay in executing the ordinance of 12th July for raising the requisite forces. If the directions and orders of Parliament and of this Committee had been expeditiously put in execution we had been nearer the end of our troubles than now we are. We supposed your foot had been with the Earl of Manchester long since, till by yours of the 12th received only yesterday we learned that they would not be ready in ten days, for which we are very sorry. The Earl, who is now on his march, will by this slackness want a considerable part of the army that was to have marched with him. We desire you to cause your contingent to march with all expedition to such rendezvous as Manchester shall give direction, lest their longer delay and the want of them should produce a worse effect than what is past. Sent by Ashpoole, the Cambridge carrier. [*Interregnum*, 19 *E., pp.* 45, 46. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

Sept. 19. Derby House. The same to the Committees and cities of the Earl of Manchester's Association. By the ordinance of 5th July, directions were given by Parliament for putting Manchester's Association into a posture of defence by better regulating the trained bands and raising other forces of horse and foot, but we do not yet understand that any progress has been made in obedience to this order, notwithstanding the warning furnished by the sufferings of other parts which have been surprised unawares. The consideration of the present state of

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our affairs, and of how much worse condition they are now in than they might have been had the ordinance of 12th July been promptly obeyed, and the knowledge of the danger that those countries may again be in if the enemy should again prevail, cause us to urge on you the present and effectual putting in execution of that ordinance as an especial means for securing your future safety and discouraging the enemy from any attempts on your Association. We desire to be periodically certified how far you are proceeded therein. Sent on 23rd by Powell, the Cambridge carrier, and [a duplicate] to Hertford by John Arnold. [*Ibid., pp.* 46, 47 *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 20. 6. Petition of George Hancock, a sick soldier, clerk to the company of Captain Dennys Taylor under the command of Colonel Montague, to the Committee for the town of Cambridge. Petitioner has been engaged in the service of the Parliament ever since Christmas last as clerk to the company, and has been upon all the designs undertaken since his going forth, as at the taking of Lincoln, the scaling of the walls of the manor-yard at York, the battle against Prince Rupert [Marston Moor], the taking of Sheffield Castle, Tickhill Castle, Welbeck House, Bozer [Bolsover] Castle, Stayley [Staveley] House, and Wingfield Manor. Ever since August he has been carried with other sick soldiers on a cart after the army, and now lies both lame and sick at Cambridge, not having wherewithal to relieve himself. He has 18 weeks' pay due to him at 10*s.* 6*d.*, the week allowed by the Earl of Manchester, out of which he prays to be advanced some means to relieve him in his sickness until his captain shall come to town. *Underwritten,*

6. I. *Note authorising Mr. Leman to pay petitioner* 20*s. upon his captain's account; Manchester's and five other signatures.*

6. II. *Mem.*—20*s. paid the* 20*th September* 1644. [1 *p.*]

Sept. 20. 7. [Committee of both kingdoms] to the Lord General [Essex]. By the enclosed you will see the desire of the Committee of Hants. concerning Bas[ing] House, which we desire your Lordship to grant, if upon consideration you find an opportunity to do it without prejudice to the service of the West. There are 12 waggons with arms to come from hence [London] to-morrow towards you, for which you are to send a convoy to Farnham to conduct them to Portsmouth. [*Draft.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 20. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, [blank]. Ordered, 1. To recommend Col. Sydenham's letter to the Committee of the West. 2. That the Lord General's letter of the 18th inst. be reported to both Houses. 3. That all the letters sent from this Committee to the Lord General since the late accident in the west be likewise reported to the House [of Commons]; and that Sir Ph. Stapleton who was acquainted with all the debates of this Committee did lately repair to his Lordship. [*Interregnum,* 7 *E., p.* 204.]

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Sept. 20. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. I understand by Sir Wm. Waller and one from Bridgwater that the King has raised his siege at Plymouth, and was with the body of his army at Exeter. He is very likely to march eastward, and therefore if the Earl of Manchester be not hastened down with his forces, also arms, money, and clothes, with a train of artillery, be not speedily sent down, the King is like to have but small opposition. For the strength of my horse and foot, the latter come up daily, I shall have a general muster, which I have as yet deferred, by reason many of the officers who have been plundered are at London, but who I hope will speed down. I conceive about 900 my own regiment have come up already. For the horse I shall take the best care I can, that they may be as serviceable for the Parliament as men can be that have had long fights and been upon continual duty, many on foot, and [some] lost their arms. I hope you will take it into your care that they may be recruited with horse and arms, having so well deserved it. Although your other letter be answered in the beginning of this, yet I have sent thither the Plymouth foot and have given them 400*l.*, and besides have the regiments of Sussex ready, only they want pay and shipping, which made me discharge them and bid them march up to Sir Wm. Waller and obey his commands. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *p.* 252. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 20. Welshpool. Sir Wm. Brereton to the same. Since I sealed the other letter herewith sent to you I have received yours of the 14th, but that which was therein commanded was performed diverse days since, and I hope Sir Thos. [Middleton] is there left in a very good condition. I know nothing more to add thereunto but that Sir Wm. Fairfax and Major Fitz-Simons are dead. It was Sir Wm. [Fairfax's] request to me upon his death bed that respect might be had to his wife and children, in regard his estate has been lost in this service, which I then faithfully promised him, and do make it my humble request that some speedy order may be made for Sir William's lady and children, which as it will be much for the honour of the Parliament, so it will be a great encouragement to all gallant men to adventure themselves in your service. I beg pardon for this freedom, which proceeds from a deep sense I have of the loss of this gallant gentleman. I shall joy in nothing more than in the success of this cause, wherein no man shall be more faithful and industrious than your humble servant. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 255, 256. *Copy*=1 *p.*]

Sept. 20. York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the same. The party of the enemy's horse which came last week out of Lancashire to Pontefract fell unexpectedly upon some troops of mine which were laid to keep in that garrison and put them to retreat with some loss; though the commander-in-chief Sir John Maney [Mayny] receiving a wound, hardly escaped on foot to a village 3 miles off, pretending himself to be of our party and only a volunteer. To prevent the prevailing of so strong a party as this was noised to be, being reported 2,000 though it proved to be not half so many, I was

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forced to draw together most of the troops that remained in this county, by which means the enemy have taken liberty from their several garrisons, which my troops formerly restrained, to make great spoil in several places. The party which I sent under the command of Sir Wm. Constable, coming within view of the castle, the enemy drew secretly forth on the other side the same evening in haste, and marched to Doncaster and from thence to Newark, leaving my troops to conflict with sorer enemies, their wants and necessities, which I am no ways able to supply. Their stock of patience being at length worn out, our troops are ready to disband, as some of them have done already. The means for their support in this country being drawn another way it will be impossible for me to keep together any considerable forces of horse and foot. In a very few days they will moulder to nothing, and for the remainder I know not to whom to address myself except your Lordships, who I know will not expect impossibilities from me, nor shall any discouragements lessen my endeavours to serve those who have entrusted me [with this service]. [*Ibid., pp.* 256, 257. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 20. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. We received yours of the 18th about 4 o'clock this afternoon. As to the design, with which you are acquainted, to keep the King's forces as much westward as may be and to provide a body of horse and foot able to effect it, we have often written to your Lordship, Major Skippon and the Earl of Manchester. We have also written to Sir Wm. Balfour, Commissary Behre, Col. Cromwell, Sir W. Waller, and Col. Middleton to keep up good intelligence betwixt the commanders of all our forces for carrying on the public service. We have from time to time given orders to draw our forces westward. For the present the Earl of Manchester is going to his forces; who by the 22nd inst. will have about Reading 2,000 horse and dragoons and 4,000 foot, besides 1,500 horse and dragoons remaining near Oxford for the security of his Association, and to watch the march of Prince Rupert, who, we hear, has about 2,000 horse at Evesholme [Evesham]; we also have this day intelligence that Sir Marmaduke Langdale is come near Boston with 1,000 horse. We conceive that Sir W. Waller with 700 horse is about Lyme [Regis], he had besides 2,100 foot, of which 700 we hope are gone to Plymouth and most of the others are in garrison at Lyme, Weymouth, Pool, and Wareham, which will be ready at any time to be drawn out. We suppose his forces, about 1,500 horse and 800 dragoons, with Col. Middleton are not far from him. Sir Philip Stapleton whilst he was here was present at all our debates and resolutions, and we believe he has given you a full account of them. We hope the arms and clothes will come speedily to you, and we most earnestly desire that a good intelligence may be [maintained] betwixt your horse and Sir W. Waller's, and that all means may be used to keep the King's forces as far to westward as may be. We hear the King has divided his army into three parts, one before Plymouth, a second by Barnstaple, while the King himself comes eastward with the

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third. We doubt not but you have full intelligence of the condition of the King's forces. Sent by John Priestley. [*Interregnum* 16 *E.*, *pp.* 44, 45. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 20. Derby House. The same to Ferd. Lord Fairfax. We have received intelligence that the [Royalist] horse which were lately about Pontefract are come to Newark and are like to endanger those parts of the Association, if they be those horse. We desire you to send such horse as you can spare to join with Col. Rossiter for clearing those parts and securing Manchester's Association, while he is directed by us to march westward. We desire this may be speedily done, and that you will certify us thereof. Sent by Metham, a messenger from Boston. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 47. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 20. Derby House. The same to Sir W. Waller. We understand that Sir Michael Livesey is coming down to your army to command his regiment of horse, and although we doubt not but that nobleness which caused you to pass over all those mistakes that he has fallen into will also cause you ever to forget it, yet our fear lest there should again grow any future difference to retard the service, which needs all unanimous prosecution, causes us to desire you to receive and use him with such demonstrations of confidence as may engage him the more to obedience of your commands and zeal to the public service. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 48. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 21. Exeter. 8. Lord Digby to Sir John Pennington at Bristol. Captain B. Bushell hath formerly done his Majesty many good services by virtue of a commission he had from the Marquis of Newcastle, which by reason of my Lord's absence beyond sea, it seems is not valued abroad. It is his Majesty's pleasure that for his further enablement to do him service you cause a commission to be issued, directed to him, according to the tenor of his former commission, whereof I send you a copy. [*Seal with arms and crest.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 21. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lord Say, the two Vanes, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Browne, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. To write to the Lord General [Essex] that since the siege is raised before Plymouth, and those within stand not in need of any victuals, that he would forbear to pay the 1,000*l.* to Commissary Bond. Also to acquaint his Lordship concerning the clothes and arms sent for his army, and to send enclosed a copy of this day's votes in both Houses. 2. That the gentlemen of Gloucestershire see Col. Massie's letter. 3. To write to Sir Wm. Waller to give order that if [Col. John] Birch with his regiment be not come back before this letter reaches them, they are to be landed at Plymouth. 4. To write to Manchester and Waller to take notice of, and govern themselves according to, the contents of the orders of both Houses of the 21st inst., which will be sent to them. 5. To add this clause to Sir W. Waller's letter, that if Col. Birch be yet in the Sound he

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have orders to land his men in Plymouth, notwithstanding the siege be raised. 6. That the propositions of the City be reported to the [Commons] House. That they will set forth five regiments of foot, which they esteem to be 5,000 men, for effecting whereof they desire 12,000*l.*, whereof 7,000*l.* for a month's pay, about 3,000*l.* of their arrears, and 2,000*l.* for the train of artillery, which being granted they will stay for two or three months. This to be left to the Commons to do therein as they shall think fit. 7. That the Lord General's letter of the 16th inst. concerning Commissary-General Behre be reported to the [Commons] House. 8. That the letter from the Committee at Basing concerning Capt. Baxter be reported to the House. 9. To write to Major-General Browne informing him that Lieut.-Col. Baynes and others have informed that there is a man named Bignam of Col. Ayloff's regiment who affirms that the line of [circumvallation] may be much shortened at Abingdon, and to desire the Major to speak with him and certify this Committee so as the work in the meantime be not retarded. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 204, 205.]

Sept. 21. Shaftesbury. Sir Wm. Waller to the Committee of both kingdoms. Either my letters are subject to miscarry or the messengers are much wanting in speed, for in reply to yours of the 18th present I returned an account of the same commands from Weymouth, relative to the putting of supplies into Plymouth and Lyme [Regis]. I have done what I can to secure Lyme, Weymouth, and Poole, and I have sent 700 men to Plymouth. Into Wareham I have put between 400 and 500 men, and the same men block up Corfe Castle. But it is impossible to finish the works about Wareham in time if the enemy advance that way. I had given order that the people from the adjacent country should be called in to work there, and I went thither yesterday to see in what condition the place was, but I found nothing done. By the enclosed you will see that the Chichester foot cannot yet find their way to me. I entreat your help. I have sent orders to the Malmesbury men to march, and I should desire that those from the Isle of Wight, about 300 as I understand, may be despatched to me. The two Farnham companies, which would willingly march to join their fellows with me, are detained by Col. Norton, who says, as I am informed, that he will stand between them and danger. I hear the King has advanced to Cullompton, ten miles on this side Exeter; if it be so I expect to hear from his Majesty shortly. I sent you yesterday my Lieut.-General's letter concerning the mutiny of the soldiers. I must renew my suit that the 5,000*l.* may be forthwith sent down, or it will be impossible to keep the troops together. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 254. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 21. Oswestry. Sir John Meldrum to the same. I would recommend to your Lordships the distressed estate of Sir Wm. Fairfax's lady, who being left with many fatherless children and much behind in her husband's personal entertainment, doth challenge me in point of duty, her husband dying honourably under my charge. I hope that you, in point of honour, being sensible of her calamities, will

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use such means for the relief of herself and her children as you may think a business of this nature requires. As an example, it will conduce much to the encouragement of all gallant gentlemen, and by consequence to the advancement of the public service, so will it reflect much in point of glory on your Lordships as instruments of keeping conscience and virtue undespised. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 257, 258. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 21. Oswestry. The same to the same. Since my last letters sent by Sir Wm. Brereton I have learned that Lord Byron, having 300 horse, did retire towards Shrewsbury, with some scattered foot which escaped the rout at Montgomery Castle. I do not hold those supplies of much consequence for the defence of that place, but only as keeping up the resolutions of the malignant party there and discouraging the well-affected. My chief fears are the sudden rising of the rivers and the disorders amongst the soldiers, who do nothing but rob and spoil the country, which cannot be prevented so long as they have nothing else to maintain themselves. I shall hardly be able to keep the Yorkshire horse here any longer, their chief commanders Sir Wm. Fairfax and Major Fitz-Simons dying within three hours after the date of my last letter. I will not be jealous, in the nature of this war, to fall under the strict censure of that Roman Consul who gave order to strike off his son's head for fighting without command though he was victorious, but I will go on in the prosecution of that victory which the Lord was pleased to favour so much by his countenance and protection. There are some further overtures proposed to me concerning Bridgnorth, which, in regard of the difficulties of carrying Shrewsbury by assault or surprise, appear to me to be very considerable, yet I am unwilling to embark myself therein without your approbation, whilst Liverpool will stand out so long as they have victuals, which can only continue for a very short time. I shall expect your further order herein, which I shall readily obey. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 258, 259. *Copy* = 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 21. Tidenham. Colonel Edward Massie to the same. My last to your Committee was from Gloucester, being then upon my march towards this place in pursuit of the remnant of Prince Rupert's army. Having since presented an account of our services to the Houses of Parliament I shall be the briefer not to intrude on your more serious and weighty affairs. Your letters to Major Duett for his assisting me with three troops out of Wilts. occasioned an excuse to me and a journey by him to London to interview you, as also some discontent to Col. Ludlow by reason that the order was sent to his major. If his [Duett's] excuse shall please you I am satisfied, but deferring commands may prove of dangerous consequence. We have had good success in taking the passage and destroying the enemy engaged in fortifying the pass at Beachley [in Gloucestershire], and as yet in hindering the march of the rest of Prince Rupert's forces, so that they advance not to him so soon [as expected]. For further particulars therein I refer you to my letter directed to the Speaker

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of the House of Commons. In my former letters I begged your solicitation for a speedy supply of our necessities, which cry daily louder, and are less likely to be cured by our Committee here. Whilst I so much conform to their rules I find some ill effects to be produced amongst us by a party or faction in our Committee. I conceive this is to set up some who are abetted by them to contest my authority. I formerly advertised you of an abuse offered to myself, and the place of government I now stand in, by Col. Stevens backed by one or more deputy-lieutenants of this county, [he now presumes] to command in and assess the county at his own pleasure for horse, or in default 7*l.* in money for every such horse assessed but not brought in to him, without any relation to my command, and by virtue of his own warrants, [so that] the complaints of the country [are] in no way to be redressed by me as formerly. In my last letter to him I desired some account of his commission and authority, and wrote him, that I took it not well from him, that when I commanded his regiment of horse to march, he only sent me two troops, leaving three or four troops in their quarters with his major of horse, whom I never yet have seen upon service; of his regiment I have only Capt. Kyrle and his own lieutenant of horse with me; [besides I have to complain] that I never could have any of his officers near me to receive orders as was fitting. [In reply I] found this enclosed answer, which I humbly beg your Committee will order to be explained by him. The ground of what he sent me [in justification] for his presumption and [as the] warrant of his [unauthorised] assessments, was an ordinance of Parliament passed 15th August 1642, concerning the power given to the deputy-lieutenants of the county at that time, few of whom are now found to be in favour of the Parliament, and of which number he never was one. This was also before the county came under the government of the soldiery. I questioned this before, and Mr. Pury then seemed to take it upon him, though since your last letter to the Committee [here] revokes it. So now I shall desire to know who are the deputy-lieutenants who afford protection to Col. Stevens, and whether I have not power to command each officer in his regiment, which is now disputed by him, besides other personal allusions in his answer. My end is only to have things so cleared up that I may know what I may command, and how far I may expect observance to those commands. [*Ibid., pp.* 267–269. *Copy.* 3 *pp.*]

Sept. 21. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Lord General [Essex]. Understanding by your letter of the 18th inst. from Portsmouth that there is no great want of victuals in Plymouth, and that the siege is raised from before that town, we desire you to forbear giving that 1,000*l.* to Commissary Bond which was to be employed in providing victuals for that place. There are sent from hence 2,000 clothes and 3,000 arms for your army, which will be convoyed from Godalming to Chichester by 40 dragoons, and from thence to Portsmouth by 50; for the rest, we will endeavour that they be sent speedily. You will receive enclosed a copy of the

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votes this day passed by the Houses of Parliament. Sent by Faukeard. [*Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *p.* 48. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 21. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. We have received yours of the 18th from Weymouth, from which we understand that Col. Birch is sent to Plymouth with his regiment, yet with orders to return and not land his men in case the siege [of that town] be raised. We, considering the great service these men might be in those parts, either by causing a diversion of so much of the King's strength, or failing that by being master in the field, desire that, if they be yet in the Sound and not returned, you will give them order to land though the siege be raised. We will again move in the Commons that the 5,000*l.* may be sent to you. The Governor of Lyme Regis some days since left town to go to his charge. By the enclosed you will see the pleasure of both Houses for the junction of your forces with those of the Earl of Manchester, which accordingly we desire you by a mutual intelligence and intercourse to put in execution; and whereas it is referred to this Committee to give order in point of command, we shall not need to say much therein, hoping that on both parts there is so much nobleness and worth that it is not possible there can be any contention, but only who shall by most self-denying serve the public most and most honour themselves. For our parts we shall not be wanting, according to the trust reposed in us by the ordinance, to give [you] from time to time such advice and directions as we shall conceive to be best for the public service. Sent by Hanbury, junr. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 49. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 21. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. Signifying the pleasure of both Houses for the junction of his forces with those of Waller, in the same words as the latter portion of the preceding letter, commencing at the words "By the enclosed you will," &c. Sent by Mr. Butler. [*Ibid. Minute.*]

Sept. 22. Watford. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received yours of the 21st inst., together with the votes of both Houses of Parliament, which I shall readily obey. I am now upon my march to Reading according to your former orders. I have already written to Sir Wm. Waller to give him an account where I intend to be according to your orders, and I shall from time to time keep as exact intelligence with him as I can. You need not fear any disagreement on my part in point of command. The only thing I look upon [with anxiety], and which I hope you will take into your consideration, is that when we do join we may have such a considerable strength as may keep up the reputation of an army. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., p.* 27. *Interregnum*, 16 *E.*, *p.* 253. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 22. Abingdon. Major-Genl. R. Browne to the same. Yesterday I received a letter from you, directed to the Committee at Reading and myself, requiring an account of the state of this garrison. I have been bold heretofore to acquaint you therewith, but without any redress of our wants. Our case now stands thus. We are in absolute present

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necessity of all requisites for a garrison, having not much gunpowder and so little match that it will hardly last till a supply can be sent. We want ordnance for the bulwark, not having enough for the avenues in the town. We are not provided with victuals for one day. The want whereof and of money, as it has occasioned many mutinies, so this past week has caused a very dangerous one. The soldiers of one regiment, with joint consent, resolving to forage abroad wherever they might find provision, cocking their match [locks] against such officers as should oppose them. And, had it not been as timely quelled, for ought I know, the garrison might then have been quitted. Some of the chief of the mutineers were immediately questioned at a Council of War, and four of them were condemned to be hanged, whereof one suffered. Since that time, also, Capt. Greenvile's troop refused to watch at the guards [after] being warned, nor indeed did they come at all, urging as reasons the want of money to shoe their horses and of victuals. My Lords, it troubles me much to complain, and did I not see so many pressing necessities in the soldiers, as well those of the country as all the others from London, whose bare feet and hollow cheeks plead aloud, I should for ever be silent. The consciousness of my duty bids me also assure you that if a timely, a very timely, course be not taken for our supply, we shall be forced to such inconveniences as I am loath to speak of. We have depended too long on the Committee for our supply, and in vain, nay our sufferings are much the greater for them, [being] partly occasioned by those at Aylesbury, as I have formerly acquainted you, but chiefly by those at Reading, who now send their commands into the hundreds hereabouts, forbidding all officers whatsoever to presume to demand any victuals or the country [people] to deliver it without warrant under their hands. To this the country [people] pay instant willing obedience whilst we are even ready to starve. I have sent one of their warrants enclosed. The fortifications are now almost at a stand, likewise, through their means, which might have been in good forwardness ere this time. The soldiers have done most of the work, but now refuse to do more without pay. These [works] may yet be prosecuted to good purpose while the season of the year serves, if a course were taken or allowed by the Committee, but they more mind the places where their own estates are situated than the public. They also pay the soldiers who attend them at Reading constantly, and this occasions ours here to mutiny, which I conceive they ought not to do without my direction. But since you command me to go on with the works I desire that we may have a supply of spades, shovels, and pickaxes, those we have being almost all broken. I find so many obstructions in all our proceedings, so great impossibility of either gaining or preserving a reputation as things are carried by the Committee, that I humbly desire rather to be called home than to suffer under so many mischiefs without being in any capacity to serve the State as I principally desire. Yet I am resolved to stay [here] though with 100 men if you command me, and the ruin of what is precious be thereby threatened. I shall accordingly humbly offer it as most

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requisite that for the future a Committee may be appointed to sit here, and another at Newbury, together with those at Reading, by which means the work would go on more effectually, but some other means must be taken for present supply of money as you may think fit to appoint. As for our number of men, we have here about 2,000 men, whereof 200 are sick, and, trusting that Manchester's horse will come somewhat nearer to us, I intend to send to-morrow morning 300 more to Newbury as an additional force, making about 700 there; we have also about 350 horse, two troops whereof are without arms or saddles. I shall present you with a more perfect account at the next muster. There are come only 60 men out of Herts. I conceive this place cannot be kept with less than 4,000 men if an enemy lie before it. I understand the Earl of Manchester is appointed to quarter at Reading. I conceive it might be very convenient if he would quarter a regiment in or near Wallingford, which may be done without danger, and other of his forces at or about Woodstock, so as to block up in some measure both those garrisons, Reading being in the meantime in no danger at all, nor, as I conceive, can they do any service to these counties by lying there. I shall trouble you no further, begging you will believe, what is almost incredible, our sad condition, and afford us a timely relief, for from the Committee [at Reading] I cannot expect it. I must remind you again of our extreme want of match, without a supply of which there is no possibility of our subsistence. I submit all to your consideration, praying for a blessing on your counsels. P.S.—We have begun to turf already, which is a work that cannot be done by every one, nor will any undertake it without daily pay. [*Ibid., pp.* 264–266. *Copy.* 3 *pp.*]

Sept. 22. Gloucester. Thos. Stephens, High Sheriff, and others of the Committee at Gloucester to the same. Since the Governor [Col. Massie's] return from his late march, whereof not long since we gave you some account, we prevailed so much with him as to march to Beachley, a place of great concernment, which through too much delay [in occupying it] heretofore [on our part] was like to have proved a great, and in respect of Wales an incomparable, advantage to the enemy; who, observing the consequence thereof, as being the key of those countries, were fortifying themselves there. But yesterday they, being above 100, were taken and the place rescued without any considerable loss to our party. That whereof we are now to inform you, is the slighting of the enemy's works by our Governor, but upon what grounds [he has done this] we know not; for if upon our retreat the enemy should refortify it, we could not again advance to take it by reason of the approaching winter. We shall suspend our judgments, leaving it wholly to you, when you have perused the enclosed, to signify to the Governor your decision therein. He is now, as we hear, upon his march towards Monmouth, which we yet hope may prove very successful; in regard we this day received a second invitation from the chief gentry of that county, offering their best aid and assistance to reduce it to the

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obedience of the Parliament, wherewith we have acquainted the Governor, expecting the success from God. [*Ibid., p.* 270. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 23. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That Sir W. Waller's letter about his money, 5,000*l.*, be reported to the [Commons] House. 2. Likewise the Earl of Essex's letter from Portsmouth of 19th inst. 3. To send Col. John Owen's letter to the Committee of the Militia, and to desire them to use their endeavours to stay those forces. Also to let them know the order that the Commons have taken for the 10,000*l.* [to enable] their regiments to go forth. 4. That the petition of the bargemen for their pay, who brought the prisoners from Gravesend, be reported to the House. 5. To speak with the Committee of the three cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks. about the money required by the Committee of Berks. for their garrisons. 6. That they cannot have a London regiment in regard five [City] regiments are to go on service. 7. That Col. Ven be spoken to about the forces desired by Berks. 8. To write to the Lord General to send Mr. Culembourg the engineer to view Reading and see what parts can be fortified, and then to inform this Committee and his Lordship what would be the charge and with what men. 9. That a sub-committee, comprising the Earls of Northumberland and Loudoun, Lord Say, Mr. Solicitor [St. John], Mr. Pierrepoint, and Mr. Crew be appointed to examine into the [cause of the] miscarriage of Col. Butler and the business of the late loss in the west. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 206.]

Sept. 23. York. Ferdinando Lord Fairfax to the Committee of both kingdoms. Upon the receipt of your letter requiring me to send such horse as I could spare to join with Col. [Edw.] Rossiter for clearing of Lincolnshire and securing the Associated counties under the command of the Earl of Manchester, I sent to the officer of my son's [Sir Thos. Fairfax's] regiment of horse to make ready to march for Lincolnshire, withal writing to the Committee at Lincoln to know from them what time and place would be fittest for their meeting. I have now upon the coming of Col. Thornaugh altered this course and given order that the said regiment should march to Tickhill or Welbeck, where the Notts. and Derby horse are met upon my former orders, and from thence march to join with Col. Rossiter at Paynam ford. I cannot now spare any more [troops], having diverse garrisons of the enemy to look to, who make many inroads upon the country and do great spoil. I sent with Sir John Meldrum to Liverpool about 1,000 horse, which I hear, for want of necessaries, are grown fewer; and after Sir Wm. Fairfax's coming from London I sent him to the said horse to command them and such other forces of horse as were within the counties under my command. I have even now received intelligence and letters from Sir John Meldrum

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of some loss there, especially of the mortal wounds of my dear nephew Sir Wm. Fairfax and Major Fitz-Simons, a gallant gentleman, but, blessed be God, the victory obtained over our enemies doth abate my sorrow for any particular friends. I have sent you a copy of Sir John Meldrum's letter, which will better make known to you the particulars. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., pp.* 260, 261. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 23. Abingdon. Major-Genl. Browne to the same. The three gentlemen who were brought prisoners before me this morning I send with the letters found on them. I presumed to open the letters thinking they might contain information for our present guidance. I find some of very dangerous consequence, others will serve to identify such as may be thought fit to be sequestered. All which I refer to your honours. [*Ibid., p.* 271. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 23. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the same. Before I received yours of the 20th I sent for Quartermaster-General Dalbier, and ordered him to be ready upon all occasions to join with any of the Parliament's forces for opposing the enemy's advance, though many of our best men are on foot [having lost their horses] through the extremity of their duty and long marches. Many of them had their horses killed under them, so I hope you will consider how they may be recruited, other armies having the Associated counties to help them. I hear nothing as yet of the coming of arms and clothes, for want of which I fear many of our men will abscond. I have likewise instructed Dalbier to use his best endeavours to keep the Parliament's forces [together] when they meet, [and so] to have a good correspondence one with another. Lieut.-Col. [Arthur] Rouse is lately come from Plymouth, who saith that [Sir Richard] Greenvile's two regiments of horse and foot are left at Plympton, and the rest all drawn away. I cannot learn by my scouts that the foot are drawn away further than Crediton. Prince Maurice faced Taunton Castle with horse, and then marched to Bridgewater. As for [the] report that] his Majesty had divided his army into three parts and was marching himself eastward, I cannot believe that his army is so great that he dare venture on it. As to the design that it has been long [intended] to keep the King's forces as much westward as may be, I doubt not of your care of it, and hope hereafter those who have disobeyed your commands shall be questioned; for if they had been put in execution the war had been ended now, and I not put to so shameful a retreat, it being never before this time in the enemy's power to have the least advantage over my army. When these forces are made fit to march I shall be ready to give a stop to the insulting enemy. I could never understand Sir Wm. Waller was nearer Lyme [Regis] than Weymouth. His foot, under 2,000, are billeted upon the sea-coasts, and Col. Middleton is quartered between Sherborne and Blandford. If I hear nothing of the enemy's advance, I must be necessitated, when my horse are mustered, to draw then a little backward into fresh quarters. [*Ibid., pp.* 271, 272. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

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Sept. 23. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-General Browne. We are informed by Lieut.-Col. Baines and others that there is one Bridgeman in Col. Ayloff's regiment who says that the line of fortification at Abingdon may be much shortened. We desire you to speak with the man, and having heard him certify us his opinion and your own concerning it, but in the meantime let not the works be retarded. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 50 *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 23. Derby House. The same to the Committee at Hertford. In regard some forces now before Banbury are to be drawn away for very necessary service, and that the place is in some hope of present taking in, if forces might be continued at it, and thereby our quarters much enlarged and the enemy much straitened both in provisions and contributions, we desire you therefore to send thither a regiment of your county, for which you shall receive pay from [the Association of] the three cos. Oxon., Bucks., and Berks. You are to cause these forces to march with all expedition, and certify us the time in which they can be ready. We suppose that the service will be but short, and having had experience of your willingness always to serve the public we cannot doubt of it in this particular. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 23. Derby House. The same to the Lord General [Essex]. The Committee of Berks. desire to have some advice about the fortifying of Reading, whether the whole or a part; before we give any order thereon, we desire you to send thither Mr. Culembourg, your engineer, for two or three days, if you can spare him, to view the same, and to certify us and you what is fit to be done therein, and at what charge it will be done, and what number of men will be sufficient to keep it when done either in whole or in part. P.S.—My Lord, having received information of matter of a high nature against Colonel Butler, we therefore desire you to secure him and send him up in safe custody. Sent by Newman. [*Ibid., p.* 51 *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 24. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lord Wharton, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepoint, Crew, and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. To urge Manchester to hasten his march westward and send his horse before his foot. 2. To write to Thos. Weynell, master of the "Blessing," to put into Portsmouth, and there to expect orders from this Committee or the Committee of Plymouth, Pool, and Lyme Regis. 3. That a warrant be issued for 20 barrels of gunpowder with match proportionable to be delivered to Mr. Cawley, for Chichester. 4. That the obligation of secrecy concerning Scarborough be taken off. 5. That Mr. Deane do attend to-morrow between 4 and 5 p.m. 6. To write to the Lord General to send up Col. Butler in custody, upon some informations given to this Committee against him of a high nature. 7. That the examinations touching the late business of the west in so far as concerns Col. Butler be reported to both Houses. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., p.* 207.]

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Sept. 24. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. When I was in Plymouth I was informed that there was plenty of victuals, but in private men's hands, and that the greatest want they had was men and money. For the 1,000*l.* ordered to be delivered to Commissary Bond, if he had come, I should have delivered it according to your direction, which performed, there would have been little or no money left in the Treasury. I have been forced, by the treachery of the enemy, to relieve many officers who otherwise might have starved, and having done it without partiality, and not granted any warrant for a penny to any of the officers of my own regiments, either horse or foot. As yet I hear not of any clothes or arms come hither. For the enclosed votes I doubt not but you will manage it for the most advantage of the kingdom, which is my desire. [*Interregnum* 17 *E.*, *p.* 1. *Copy.* $\frac{2}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 24. Shaftesbury. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir Arthur Haselrigg to the same. We hear that the King dined yesterday at Honiton, and will be this night at Chard, and by one who saw the army drawn up there it is not above 10,000 horse and foot; doubtless they will now advance with speed. We have long expected the forces mentioned in your letters; but what forces or where they are, or the reasons of their delay, we understand not a word from his Excellency [Essex]. We only know, and that to our great grief, our unfitness to engage with the King's army without foot, and must observe your commands in your letter of the 16th inst., for we cannot engage as now we are, but upon much disadvantage. We are a gallant forlorn hope. Our horse are very considerable, as good and as many as when we went first towards Oxford, with the exception of our saddles and arms. The extremely long marches our soldiers have had have drawn upon them such wants of clothes, and money to shoe their horses, that we cannot but cry out for the 5,000*l.* Some of the horse under Capt. Jervise are gone, and for want of money others will follow. We hope the sea-coast towns will give you a good account, however we have done what we can for them for the present. [*Ibid.*, *p.* 6. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 24. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. By the order enclosed you will see the resolution of the House of Commons concerning your march, and what they expect in reference to that order which we have therefore sent you. We do most earnestly desire you, according to that order and our former request, to speed your march into the west. The Royalist horse we hear are come to Bridgewater, and the foot to Crediton, and they are coming eastward. Your Lordship was present at our debates and know the necessity of this service. We desire by this messenger to hear from you. The House of Commons will expect a daily knowledge of [how] you are pursuing their desires. Sent by Mr. Binding. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd.*, *N.S. xii.*, *pp.* 27, 28. *Interregnum* 19 *E.*, *p.* 51. *Copy.* $\frac{1}{2}$ *p.*]

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Sept. 25. Montgomery Castle. Sir Thos. Middleton to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have lately acquainted you with the great victory it pleased God to bestow upon us, and with our present condition. I have now sent purposely my lieut.-col. of horse to acquaint you with our present estate and the state of these parts. If you be not pleased to take some speedy course, I fear we shall consume to nothing. What service we have done with a small handful of men is not unknown to you. We began first to break the Prince's [Rupert's] forces in these parts by taking 400 horse at Welshpool, then we raised the seige of Oswestry, afterwards we took Sir Thos. Gardiner with all his troop, since that we took 36 barrels of gunpowder and 12 of brimstone with match and ammunition, possessed ourselves of Montgomery Castle, and maintained it for 12 days' space against 5,000 men; what number of men I had to do these things I dare not commit to paper, but refer [you] to the bearer's relation. I beseech you to have us in your thoughts, you know there can be no expectation of money here in these parts before such time as the country be brought into subjection. I have hitherto done what I could to keep my men together, but I fail to do it as I would for the reasons the bearer will relate to you. Our good success in raising the siege is I assure myself made known to you. It was as great a victory as hath been gained in any part of the kingdom, we having taken and slain above 2,000 men in the late battle; and hurt so many in the siege before the battle, as in 14 carts were sent out of the enemy's leaguer to Shrewsbury the Sabbath day before. Sir John Meldrum, with those who came to relieve us, endured much hardship, and we were altogether destitute of means to requite them, in regard we wanted money to pay our own soldiers, much less to gratify them. My most humble and earnest suit therefore now is, that you will hasten Col. Barton's and Sir Wm. Middleton's coming down with their horse and with money to pay them and us; also to procure this bearer [Col. Till] my lieut.-col., if it may be, a troop of horse to come with him speedily down. I shall hope to render you then in short time a good account of my proceedings. [*Interregnum*, 17 *E.*, *pp.* 1, 2. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 25. Harefield. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. I have received your letter, together with the vote of the House of Commons. It is very probable that that House and your Lordships may be informed of my being at Uxbridge, as the bridge at Maidenhead is broken, and I am constrained to wait till it be so mended that I may pass my forces over, this also being the Fast day I thought it a duty to seek God. You may be assured that I shall march as soon as with any conveniency I can. I was present at some of the debates you mention, and you know what my humble opinion was. I am still of the same mind, that if the King be upon his march [and the western forces] in that condition I see those armies in, you do expose us to scorn if not to ruin [in opposing us to him]. But, my Lords, when my opinion is delivered, I shall obey as far as in me lies. You desire me to send my horse before me westward, but you may remember you commanded most of my horse and some foot

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and dragoons to Banbury. I have only left a sufficient number to guard the foot that are with me. You shall receive an account daily of my proceedings in pursuance of your orders. [*Ibid., p.* 3. *Copy.* 1 *p.*]

Sept. 25. Shaftesbury. Sir Wm. Waller to the same. I have received yours of the 19th and 21st concerning Sir Michael Livesay, God knows I am far from wishing the least ill to him. I desire that he and I, and all of us here, may act our parts like honest men, and that no private differences may retard the public service. Col. Birch is still in Plymouth, and shall not be recalled by me, so long as there is work for him there. Our wants are so extreme that a major of horse has been fain to borrow sixpence to pay for the shoeing of his horse. I am sorry we are so inconsiderable [in the estimation] of the House [of Commons]. Last night and this morning it was in discourse whether the officers should join in a petition to the Parliament for a supply of their wants. I shall divert it what I can lest that may prove an introduction to a worse business. If we do not receive 5,000*l.* speedily our force will fly in pieces. As for the point of command between the Earl of Manchester and myself I doubt not but we shall agree well enough. I am so heartily weary of this war that I shall submit to anything that may conduce to the despatch of it. I have not been wanting from time to time to give the Lord General [Essex] advertisements of the enemy's movements, neither will I be wanting in this duty. This day I received an express from his Excellency, with one enclosed to Col. Dalbier, and a signification that it was to order him upon any occasion to join with me. I have despatched it away to him. But this night I received a letter from Dalbier expressing his readiness to join with me, but in regard of the poorness of his quarters he was necessitated to remove further off, as far as Wallop, which is half way between Salisbury and Andover. That [is] at such a distance, as, if the King advance, I may be put to an inconvenience before he can join with me. Neither the Wilts. horse nor the troops of this country [Dorset] are yet come in to me, and I know not when they will, my trust is that God will not leave me though men do. I have written to the Earl of Manchester to advance some horse and dragoons towards me, if he can, which may the better enable me to make good this ground, until he can draw up to me with the main body of his army. The King was expected to be this night at Crookhorne [Crewkerne]. [*Ibid., p.* 4, 5. *Copy.* 1½ *p.*]

Sept. 26. Montgomery Castle. 9. Sir Thos. Myddelton to Andrew Myddelton. I hope you have received some good quantity of money ere this time for me, and if the bearer, my lieutenant-colonel of horse [James Till], shall have occasion to use 10*l.* or 20*l.* let him have it and put it to my account. I have no news to certify you but what Col. Till can relate. Yesterday we had a good appearance at Montgomery Castle of the country people. Sir John Price is with me, and now I am ready to march to Newtown, whither part of my forces are already advanced. *Underwritten,*

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9. I. *A true particular of our last battle I sent you up a week past. Thos. Brooke. Dorso,*
Receipt by Col. James Till for 10*l. paid to him by order of Sir Thos. Myddelton,* 23*rd October* 1644. [*Seal with arms broken.* 1¾ *pp.*]

Sept. 26. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lord Wharton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Crew and Kennedy. Ordered, 1. That a warrant be issued for 100 demi-cannon shot, 200 whole culverin shot, 20 grenade shells of 11 inches diameter, one tun of match, 10 barrels of musket shot, 5 barrels of bursbot, and 20 barrels of gunpowder, to be delivered to Thos. White for the service against Banbury. 2. That it be returned, in answer to the Committee of the three cos. [Oxon., Berks., and Bucks.], that all the arms in Windsor Castle belonging to such officers as are employed in service abroad, and are over and above the arms [required by] the soldiers who are in present service in the Castle, be delivered to those officers; also that upon the sending into the Castle 80 serviceable men, 150 shall march out, the Committee of the three cos. undertaking to complete the number of 150 men with all possible expedition. 3. That the business of Windsor Castle be taken into consideration on Saturday next. 4. To write to the Lord General [Essex], enclosing the letter of the Hants. Committee, and suggesting that, if it may be done without prejudice to the service in the west, he should grant their desire. Also to inform him of the sending of 12 wagons laden with arms, for which he is desired to send a convoy to Farnham, to bring them to Portsmouth. 5. That the paper of the propositions given in by the officers of the Lord General's army be reported to the [Commons] House. 6. To write to the Earl of Manchester, informing him what the former orders of this Committee were, that 1,500 of his horse and dragoons should be left about Oxford, and that with the rest of his forces he march westward, sending his horse first, except so many as may be necessary to march with his foot. 7. That thanks be returned to Sir John Meldrum, Sir Wm. Brereton, and Sir Thos. Middleton, for their late good service, and that it be added to the letter to Sir John Meldrum, that this Committee thinks it would not be fit, in the present posture of affairs and at this season of the year, to sit down before any garrison unless he see very great advantage. 8. That it be reported to the Commons that the five City regiments will with all expedition join the forces appointed to go westward. 9. That a sub-committee, consisting of Lord Wharton, Mr. Crew, and Mr. Recorder [Glyn], be appointed to go to the Militia, to expedite the sending out of their forces. 10. That a sub-committee, consisting of Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Pierrepont, and Mr. Solicitor [St. John], be appointed to consider of the intercepted letters, and to speak with the [messenger] that came from Oxford. 11. That the names of the Citizens Adventurers [for lands in Ireland], now read in the list given in, be appointed a sub-committee to act under this Com-

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mittee, for the better managing of the war in Ireland. 12. That so much of Controller Deane's examination as concerns Col. Butler be reported to the [Commons] House, together with the instructions. 13. That Major Skippon and Controller Deane shall have copies of their depositions. 14. That it be reported to the Commons that there has been already voted 6,000 suits, with the same number of muskets and swords, and 1,000 pikes. Also that it has been already reported for 9,000*l.* for a train of artillery. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 207–209.]

Sept. 26. Portsmouth. The Lord General Essex to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received your letter for the engineer, and because he is now at Weymouth I have written to Sir Wm. Waller to send him to me, and when he comes I will despatch him away to Reading according to your desire. Col. Butler is in the Isle of Wight, but I have sent for him, and shall send him up to London as soon as he comes to me. [*Interregnum* 17 *E., p.* 5. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 26. Plymouth. John Lord Robartes to the same. Neither money nor ammunition have yet come for the supply of this place. The want of the former makes sundry officers unwilling to stay here, and the want of the latter will make them unable. The inhabitants are so exhausted that they are not able to support a third part of the garrison, which I conceive in the lowest proportion should be 2,500 foot, besides the townsmen, and 400 horse. If 12 ton of match, 4 ton of lead, and 1,000 shot each for sacre, minion and falcon, with 200 barrels of gunpowder were sent down, these would supply the present until a further magazine were provided, which I leave to your consideration. P.S.—The enemy continues at Buckland House and Plympton, where he endeavours to make himself strong. [*Ibid.*, 7. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 26. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Edw. Earl of Manchester. We received your letter, and do assure ourselves your Lordship will speedily march with your forces westward. But where you write of this Committee ordering most of your horse, besides some dragoons and foot, our orders were because of the forces of Prince Rupert about Evesholme [Evesham], and the enemy entering your Association, that 1,500 of your horse and dragoons should stay about Oxford, the number of dragoons being left to your pleasure, and out of which 1,500 you might send some, not exceeding 500, into Lincolnshire. All the rest of your horse and foot were forthwith to march into the west, and your horse to proceed the foot, except such number as might be necessary to march with your foot. Sent by John Priestley at 8 p.m. Duplicate. [*Printed in Soc. Camlbd., N.S. xii., p.* 29. *Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 52. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 27. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earl of Loudoun, Lord Wharton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir G. Gerard, Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That letters be written to the several counties to pay in their money according to the ordinance about the business of Newport. 2. That 20*l.* be paid

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to Sir Wm. Brereton's messenger, according to the Commons' order of 23rd Sept. 3. That Sir Wm. Balfour, Major Skippon, and Col. [Alex.] Berkley be desired to be here to-morrow, to debate the best way for disposing of the forces to be employed in the west. 4. To write to the Earl of Manchester acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 27th inst. To repeat what was written yesterday, and to desire him to put it speedily in execution. 5. That Mr. Vassell be desired to despatch away the clothes and arms for the Lord General's army, if they be not already gone, and to certify this Committee what he has done therein. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 209, 210.]

Sept. 27. Harefield. Edward Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I have received your letter, and shall with what speed I can obey your commands. I hope you will hasten away such forces as you intend sending, for those with me are not a strength sufficient to hazard the issue of our affairs upon. This day most of my forces are to pass over at Maidenhead, which they could not have done sooner. I have sent 500 horse into Lincolnshire. I have left Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell's regiment of horse at Banbury, with 3 companies of dragoons and 7 companies of foot; the rest of the horse and foot are with me. [*Printed in Soc. Camd., New Series xii., p.* 29. *Interregnum* 17 *E., p.* 7. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 27. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Sir Thos. Middleton. We are very glad to see the cloud that lately threatened your successful beginnings in those parts of Wales so happily dispelled. We congratulate you on your deliverance and victory, and thank you for all your services in those parts. We doubt not but you will take such care for the storing of that [Montgomery] Castle with all necessaries, that there shall be no fear of its being again attempted [by the enemy], and will so pursue the reputation of this victory and make such improvement of it as to facilitate the reduction of those countries and the completion of your design, for which purpose we have written to Sir John Meldrum. Sent by George Gleave on the 28th inst. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., pp.* 52, 53. *Copy* = ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 27. Derby House. The same to Sir John Meldrum. We understand by your letters both the seasonable relief you brought to Montgomery Castle and the great success of your endeavours against the enemy, whereby we hope those parts are put into a good condition and the enemy's levies and recruits cut off. We bless God for this victory in which he was pleased so eminently to show himself, and congratulate you on the honour God hath done you in making you instruments of his providence therein. We hope this experience of the advantage of co-operation and conjuncture of forces will be a means both to strengthen your union and keep still awake your diligence to improve all opportunities against the enemy, which we leave entirely to your judgment, being upon the place, and therefore best able to judge of particulars. We doubt not you will take such resolutions

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and act on them, both in the assistance of Sir Thos. Middleton and otherwise, as may carry on the victory lately obtained to the greatest advantage of the public. Only we cannot advise undertaking any siege by reason of the season of the year and other considerations, except some very great advantage should appear upon the [taking] of the place. Sent as above. [*Ibid., pp.* 53, 54. *Copy.* ¾ *p.*]

Sept. 27. The like to Sir Wm. Brereton, the last clause excepted. [*Ibid., p.* 54. *Minute.*]

Sept. 28. 10. Declaration of secrecy protested by the members of the Committee for Examination of Colonel Butler's business here named. That they will not make known the proceedings at Committee without consent of the Committee or command of the House of Commons. [½ *p.*] *Enclosed,*

10. I. *Memorandum and order of the Committee on Colonel Butler's business. Hannibal Vivian, gent., uncle to Sir Richard Vivian can inform this Committee of the miscarriages in the army and of Butler's actions the day the Lord General's army was routed. By order of this Committee, the examinations of Major Skippon, Colonel Tirrell, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis, Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Richard Deane, Colonel Berkeley, Major-General Skippon's second examination, and the instructions to Richard Harding, Esq., of the 6th of August,* 1644 [margin: 9 *papers*] *were delivered to Mr. Prideaux and Mr. Hill to prepare interrogatories, &c.* [*See Commons' Journals iii.,* 641, ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Lords Say and Wharton, Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Ph. Stapleton, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Mr. Pierrepont. Ordered, 1. That a sub-committee, consisting of Lord Wharton, Sir G. Gerard, Mr. Pierrepont, Mr. Crew, and Mr. Wallop, and any of the Scottish Commissioners, or any two of them, be appointed to receive information concerning the business of Ireland, and to consider thereof, and make report to this Committee. 2. That the business of the Earl of Denbigh be considered on Tuesday next. 3. To write to Sir Richard Onslow and the rest of the Committee of Surrey to have ready 12 carriages against Tuesday morning at Farnham, and also to provide a sufficient convoy of 40 or 50 horse to be on Monday evening next at Staines. 4. That it be reported to the House [of Commons] that money be provided for 500 saddles and bridles for the Lord General's army. 5. Also that they would hasten the payment of the 3,000*l.* for the Lord General's train of artillery, and that money be provided for the chirurgeons' chests. 6. Also that money be provided for refreshing the Lord General's army. 7. That Mr. Trenchard provide for the transporting of the 5,000*l.* for Sir Wm. Waller by water to Staines, and that the Militia be desired to send 12 musketeers to convoy the same from hence by water to Staines. 8. That the Committee of the Militia be desired to supply 40 dragoons to convoy the wagons with arms and clothes for the Lord General's army from hence to Godalming

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on Monday. 9. To write to the Lord General [Essex] to send a convoy to Godalming for the 20 wagons with arms and clothes. 10. To write to the Governor at Chichester and the Committee of Sussex to stop the demolishing of Cawdry House. 11. To give notice to Col. Fleetwood of the information concerning the marching of Sir Thos. Glemham's forces from Newark by Ashby, and if that prove true, then he is to return with his horse to Lieut.-General Cromwell, or such place as he shall appoint. 12. To write to the Earl of Manchester acquainting him herewith. 13. Also to Sir Samuel Luke and the Governor of Aylesbury to send what horse and dragoons they can spare to Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell. 14. To acquaint Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell with what is written to the Governors of Aylesbury and Newport and to Col. Fleetwood; also to desire him, if the information prove true, that he would send to this Committee to give order to Col. Fleetwood to return for his assistance. 15. To acquaint Col. Massie with the information received concerning Sir Thos. Glemham's march from Newark. 16. That the Waggonmaster-General provide 20 waggons for carrying the arms and clothes to the Lord General. 17. To acquaint Lord Fairfax with the news of Sir Thos. Glemham's march from Newark, and to desire him, if the occasions of Yorkshire will permit, that he give order to the party of horse he sent into Lancashire to attend still the enemy's movements in those parts. 18. To write to Sir W. Waller, instructing him to stay at Shaftesbury if the enemy continue westward, otherwise to come to Marlborough; also to acquaint him with what is written to the Lord General [Essex] and the Earl of Manchester, and that the 5,000*l.* is to be sent from hence on Monday next. 19. To write to the Lord General, acquainting him with what is written to the Earl of Manchester and Sir Wm. Waller, and that, according as he shall hear of the King's motions, he send 1,500 of his horse or so many as can be in readiness to Marlborough or Shaftesbury, and to send his foot to Newbury, to which place Manchester's foot and the City forces are also to come. 20. To write to the Earl of Manchester renewing their former instructions to send his horse, except so many as may be required to guard the foot, to Shaftesbury or Marlborough, as he shall hear of the King's movements; also to acquaint him with what is written to the Lord General and Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 210–212.]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to the Committees of Herts., Cambridge and Isle of Ely, Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Hunts., and Northampton. Circular letter. You cannot but take notice of the great consequence of the garrison of Newport, and of what security it is to your country that it be well provided for and safely kept, which it cannot be without a supply of what is necessary to that end. We are informed that there are great arrears behind both of the charge of the fortification and of the pay. We earnestly recommend it to your care that such a place as that may not be endangered by want of those small sums which the ordinance has appointed [to be defrayed by] those several counties [named above].

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Sent by Mr. Crips at 11 p.m. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 54. *Copy* = ½ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Sir Samuel Luke. We have received yours of the 27th inst., and desire you to send to the rendezvous of Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell all the horse and dragoons you can spare for the service mentioned by him in his letter whereof you sent us a copy. Sent as above. [*Ibid. Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Col. [John] Fleetwood. We received intelligence to-day from Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell that Sir Thos. Glemham, with 21 colours of horse and dragoons, had marched from Newark by Ashby[-de-la-Zouch] as it is believed to join with other horse to raise the siege of Banbury or to join with Prince Rupert; if this information, should hold true, we desire you to return with the 500 horse you carried into Lincolnshire to such place as Cromwell shall appoint that you may join him against the enemy's forces in those parts. Sent as above, [*Ibid., p.* 55. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to [Col. Aldrich], Governor of Aylesbury. To the same effect as the preceding. Sent by Mr. Potter. [*Ibid., p.* 55. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House, The same to Col. Massie. March of Sir Thos. Glemham from Newark to Banbury. or to join with Prince Rupert. We thought fit to send you this advertisement that, taking care to ascertain the certainty of this information, you may the better know how to order your proceedings. Sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 56. *Copy.* ⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Sir Wm. Waller. Upon consideration of the information we have received concerning the marching of the King's forces eastward, and of the ways and means to prevent their designs, we have thought fit to desire you to keep an eye upon the movements of the King's forces. If they shall continue westward, we desire you to stay about Shaftesbury and those parts if you can with safety, otherwise, if the enemy's forces shall march eastward, that you come to Marlborough and thereabouts; to which places according as you shall stay where you are, or come to Marlborough, we have desired the Lord General [Essex] to send 1,500 of his horse, or so many as he can presently have in readiness; likewise, the Earl of Manchester to send so many as he can spare from guarding his foot, and the guarding of his Association, which we hope will also be about 1,500. We have given order for the Lord General's and Manchester's foot to march to Newbury, and shall endeavour to hasten thither the City forces. The 5,000*l.* due to your army is now ready, and will be sent on Monday next. Sent by Mr. Hanbury. [*Ibid., p.* 56. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Lord General [Essex]. Upon consideration of the informations we have received concerning the march of the King's forces eastward, and of the ways and means to oppose their designs, we have thought fit to write to Sir Wm. Waller to stay about Shaftesbury, if the King's forces shall continue westward, provided that he can do it with safety; otherwise if the King's

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forces shall march eastward, that he [Waller] come to Marlborough and thereabouts, to which places, as you shall hear of the King's movements, we desire you to send 1,500 of your horse, or so many as you can presently have in readiness. Thither so many of Manchester's horse as he can spare from guarding his foot and securing his Association are likewise to march. For your foot we desire, so soon as they can be in readiness, that they march to Newbury, whither we have given order for Manchester's foot to march, and shall endeavour to hasten thither the City forces. On Monday morning 20 waggons of clothes and arms are to be sent from hence to you by way of Godalming, for which we desire you to send a convoy thither. Sent as above. [*Ibid., p.* 57. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester. We have received information from Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell that Sir Thos. Glemham with 21 colours of horse and dragoons is marched from Newark by Ashby[-de-la-Zouch], as it is believed, with intention to raise the siege at Banbury or join with Prince Rupert. We have written to Col. Fleetwood, if that information shall prove true, to return with the 500 horse from Lincolnshire to such place as Cromwell shall appoint for his assistance. We wrote to you formerly to leave about Oxford only 1,500 horse and dragoons, and with the rest of your forces, horse and foot, to march westward, sending the horse in advance, except such proportion as may be necessary to guard the foot. According to the Commons' order enclosed we again desire you to hasten your march westward. Upon consideration of the informations we have received concerning the marching of the King's forces eastward and of the ways and means to oppose their designs, we have thought fit to write to Sir Wm. Waller that if the King's forces shall continue westward that he stay about Shaftesbury if he can do so with safety, but if they move eastward that he come to Marlborough, whither the Lord General is to send 1,500 horse. We desire you to send such portion of your horse as can be spared from guarding your foot either to Shaftesbury or Marlborough, according as you shall understand of the motions of the King's forces. The Lord General is to send his foot to Newbury, whither we desire you to cause your foot to march, and we shall endeavour to hasten thither the City forces. Sent by Mr. Butler. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., pp.* 30, 31. *Ibid., pp.* 57, 58. *Copy.* 1¼ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to the Committee of Sussex. We are informed that you intend the demolishing of Cowdray House [near Midhurst], whereat we cannot but wonder, considering the ill consequence such a demolition would draw upon that country. We desire you to take speedy order for stopping the said demolition, and putting such a garrison into the House as you and Col. Stapeley shall think fit for keeping under the ill-affected party, which we hear is too great in those parts. Sent by Gardner. [*Ibid., p.* 59. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Thos. Lord Fairfax. This day we received intelligence that Sir Thos. Glemham with 21 colours of horse and

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dragoons is [marched from Newark by Ashby, as it is believed, to join with other forces to raise the siege of Banbury, or join with Prince Rupert. We desire your Lordship, if it may stand with the occasions of Yorkshire, and that you have a sufficient strength of horse for defence of those parts, to give order that the party of horse which you sent into Lincolnshire against those forces of the enemy may still attend their motions in those parts]. *Cancelled. In margin.* [Respited by the Earl of Northumberland when it was presented to his Lordship to be subscribed in regard the narrative was afterwards discovered to be false.] We do likewise desire you to acquaint us with the number of your horse and foot, and let us know where they are employed. Sent by post. [*Ibid. Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 28. Derby House. The same to Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell. We have received yours of the 26th inst., and advertised Col. Massie of the information you sent us. We have likewise written to Sir Samuel Luke and the Governor of Aylesbury to send to such place as you shall appoint all the horse and dragoons they can spare. We have written to Col. Fleetwood that if this information shall prove true that he return with the 500 horse sent into Lincolnshire for your assistance, wherewith we have acquainted the Earl of Manchester. We desire you to give Fleetwood orders concerning the place where he is to join with your forces. Sent by Crips. [*Ibid., p.* 60. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 29. Reading. Edw. Earl of Manchester to the Committee of both kingdoms. I am now at Reading, and have heard from Waller, who advertises me of his being at Shaftesbury with a reasonably good body of horse and dragoons, but the foot he has been forced to distribute between Plymouth and the port-towns of those counties, so that he has but few with him. I therefore believe you will not think it advisable that I should march further [westward] with so inconsiderable a strength as I have. Since I came hither I have inquired into the strength of Abingdon, which I hear is in such a condition as I much fear it will not be a place for you to rely upon. This town [Reading] is of very great consequence, and it is a great prejudice that the fortifications have been so neglected. I am much troubled to hear of the enemy's overrunning most part of Lincolnshire; it cannot but much distract and distress those Associated counties. I hear that the King with his strength was expected at Sherborne on Friday last. If he march speedily into these parts it will concern you to have your forces in as good a posture as possible. P.S.—Since I wrote the other part of my letter I have received intelligence that Prince Rupert is come to Wells, and that a good party of the King's horse bend their march for Marlborough. I sent this day to view the Castle of Donnington, and I am informed that there is little probability of taking it without more time than it is probable they will have. There are very good guns, which, if not timely brought away, may be lost. You will find that, if the King should march into these parts, Abingdon will not be able to resist him, but the garrison will be a prey to him. I thought it my duty to give you this account, referring the determination to your wisdoms. [*Printed in Soc.*

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Cambd., New Series xii., pp. 31, 32. [*Interregnum* 17 *E., pp.* 8, 9. *Copy.* $1\frac{1}{3}$ *p.*]

Sept. 29. Warrington. Sir John Meldrum to the same. I have at large written by Sir Wm. Brereton's packet, after the relief of Montgomery Castle, of the dissipating of the horse and total routing of the foot of that army, that my resolution was to take the advantage of the terror and dejection of spirit which was in all the parts round about, and especially at Shrewsbury, from whence there came probable intelligence to Sir Thos. Middleton and Sir Wm. Brereton, as well of the weakness of the place, in regard of the scarcity of commanders and soldiers, as of a great party of citizens within the town, who seemed inclinable to adhere to the Parliament, if we would venture to storm the town, but upon a motion retorted, whether they would make us good any passage in the town for our entry, it was flatly refused, they pretending that many of them had suffered formerly for their free offers that way. But, to deal ingenuously with your Lordships, the slackness of the Committee of that county in providing of victuals, and the want of Col. Mitton, who had more action and virtue than all the chief commanders there or thereabouts, the grudgings and discontentments among the soldiers, both horse and foot, for want of pay, or any acknowledgment of their service done, the carelessness of Sir Thos. Middleton and the Committee at Wem, whom it concerned more especially to provide 600*l.* to satisfy the Yorkshire horse, after he had gotten what he aimed at; the improbability, as by the scanty intelligence we had, [of our success if we should attempt] to assault the strongest works in England, as I am credibly informed, the number of our foot soldiers not exceeding the number of prisoners by 100, which of necessity we must needs have abandoned, if we had assaulted the works; the discontentments amongst the horse and foot, who being ungratefully used did grow weaker every day; the beginnings of mutinies amongst our own soldiers and the prisoners for want of bread; [these] were the inducements which moved me rather to look backward to Liverpool, than to proceed any further upon so slender and improbable grounds. At my return to Nantwich, I had advertisements from my quarter before Liverpool that the Lancashire foot with some mariners had crossed the river [Mersey] by boats, and had taken in a new retrenchment made at Socum [Seacombe]. The next day after my coming to Nantwich I went to see Tarvin, where I found Col. George Booth, a young gentleman of great expectation, holding the place, which was not defensible and imperfectly victualed. He desired to be relieved in regard the Chester horse were plundering all Wirrell, so that the garrison at Tarvin would be deprived of relief. This being so, and finding that there were more of the scattered horse which had escaped from Montgomery come over to Wirrell by fording the Dee, I desired Sir Wm. Brereton to send his horse that night to Wirrell, so that they, joining with the Yorkshire horse, might fall upon the Chester horse the next day. Contrary to my expectation his horse never came to Wirrell, but he went that night to Eceston [Eccles-

1644. hall?] Castle, in Staffordshire, without giving me notice, though I had commanded all this journey in chief. Whereupon I resolved to withdraw to Liverpool, leaving Cheshire side to Sir Wm. Brereton, which he had formerly undertaken. I enclose a copy of the letter I left for Sir William. I have given order to all the colonels within Lancashire to withdraw both the horse and foot that have abandoned their colours, and to return to their quarters. I have sent for Cols. Shuttleworth and Dodding to come from the north parts of Lancashire to the quarter before Liverpool with their forces of horse and foot, there being no considerable enemy in those parts. The enemy is stronger within the town of Liverpool than we are without, besides the advantage of very strong works. It is rumoured that the Irish here desire to return and serve in Ireland if they may have quarter. These propositions have been made by the Irish to Lieut.-Col. Coote, son of Sir Chas. Coote. I shall forbear to meddle upon so ticklish a point without your approval, which I entreat may be done with all expedition, in regard I am resolved to make trial so soon as the forces are ready. [*Ibid.*, *pp.* 9–12. *Copy*=3 *pp.*]

Sept. 30. Proceedings at the Committee of both kingdoms this day. Present, Earls of Northumberland, Warwick, and Loudoun, Lords Say, Wharton, and Warristone, Sir Ph. Stapleton, Sir G. Gerard, Sir H. Vane, junr., Sir H. Vane, senr., Sir Chas. Erskine, Mr. Solicitor, Mr. Recorder, and Messrs. Pierrepont, Crew, Kennedy, and Barclay. Ordered, 1. That the Lord General's letter be reported to the Commons, and that Col. Butler do attend the pleasure of the House. 2. That one of the Secretaries [of this Committee] do go to the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider of the Examinations concerning the business of the West, and desire a copy of so much as was reported to the Commons that the same may be reported to the House of Lords. 3. That the ordinance concerning Irish affairs be reported to the [Commons] House, and the names of Alderman Kinricke, Alderman Thos. Foot, Alderman James Bunce, and Mr. Samuel Avery be inserted into the ordinance, as those whom they think fit to be continued as treasurers. 4. That Mr. [Gabriel] Becke, of Lincoln's Inn, be inserted into the check. 5. Warrant for one tun of match to be sent to Banbury. 6. That the letter of the 24th inst., from the Committee of Gloucester, be reported to the Commons House. 7. That the draft of the ordinance concerning the service against Banbury be reported to both Houses. Afternoon.—Ordered, 8. That the two letters from the Committee and Governor of Wareham be sent to the Committee of the West. 9. That the draft of the letter to the King of Portugal be reported to both Houses of Parliament. 10. That the two letters from Malmesbury with the enclosed be sent to the Committee of Wilts. 11. That the letter now read concerning sending Mr. Culembourg to Reading is approved of. 12. That the instructions for Mr. Culembourg are approved of. 13. To inform the Earl of Manchester of the sending of Mr. Culembourg to view and report concerning the fortifications of Reading;

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and also to desire him to speak with the Committee at Reading to provide means for carrying out such works of fortification as he shall think fit. 14. That Mr. Frost do deliver 20*l.* to Mr. Culembourg for his charges. 15. That the Houses be desired to send some to the Militia to expedite the sending out of the five City regiments. 16. Warrant for 20 barrels of gunpowder and 200 whole culverin shot to be sent to Newport. 17. That a sub-committee, consisting of the Earls of Northumberland and Loudoun, Lord Say, Mr. Pierrepont, Mr. Crew, and Mr. Solicitor [St. John], or any two of them, be appointed to draft instructions for the armies of the Earl of Manchester and Sir Wm. Waller. [*Interregnum* 7 *E., pp.* 212–214.]

Sept. 30. Shaftesbury. Sir Wm. Waller and Sir A. Haselrigg to the Committee of both kingdoms. We have not heard that the King is removed from Chard. He calls in the country, yet we cannot learn that his army increases. A rendezvous is appointed at King's Sedgmoor on Wednesday next. If the Earl of Manchester's forces advance to us, and the Lord General [Essex's] foot, being armed, such of them at least as are fit for present service, be also sent up, you will not only grow upon the King in the west, but keep your armies on the enemy's [quarters] and preserve your Association. If this be timely done we may most easily restrict the miseries of our [civil] war within a narrow space, if not bring it to an end. Some of the enemy's horse are come to Evell [Yeovil], four miles beyond Sherborne. Our party meet often, we have taken diverse prisoners, and upon Friday last the enemy killed Major Clutterbuck, he was religious and valliant, we have cause to lament his loss. We shall not yield any ground but what we must needs. Col. Hurry desires a pass to go into his own country. We entreat your direction. [Patrick Ruthven] the Earl of [Forth and] Brentford offers that if Lieut.-Col. Warren may be set at liberty he will then release Major Kerr. We entreat that the House [of Commons] may be moved in this matter, and that we may know their answer as soon as may be. [*Interregnum* 16 *E., p.* 261. *Copy.* ⅔ *p.*]

Sept. 30. Reading. Edward Earl of Manchester to the same. By yours of the 28th inst. I perceive you have given order for the recalling of Col. Fleetwood's regiment of horse which I had appointed to go into Lincolnshire to their assistance. I should be very glad if those parts were in such condition that they did not require such a strength to relieve them. I am informed that the enemy has plundered and spoiled the country of Lindsey so far as Louth, and the people fled into Boston for safety. According to your former orders, I have left about Oxford Lieut.-Genl. Cromwell's regiment of horse and three troops of dragoons, and am marched with the rest of the horse and foot thus far westward. Most of my horse are quartered betwixt Newbury and Basing. In my last I acquainted you how unsafe I thought it for me to march further with so small a number of foot. When a further strength is collected in these parts I shall be very ready to do the best service I can. You very well know my obligation to those counties which

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have entrusted me with this service; I daily receive letters from them expressing their great trouble that their forces are drawn so far away, and your Lordships well know that by ordinance of Parliament these forces are not to be commanded any whither but with the consent of the Committees of the Association. The Committee for Suffolk sent me some reasons why they conceive the distance of these forces might be of sad consequence to them, the which I send you here enclosed; it being a duty which I owe both to you and them to represent things clearly and plainly to you, and to desire that your commands may be such as that in giving obedience to your Lordships I may discharge my duty towards those who have placed this trust in me for their own security. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., New Series xii., pp.* 32, 33. *Interregnum* 17 *E., pp.* 12, 13. *Copy*=1⅓ *p.*]

Sept. 30. Derby House. The Committee of both kingdoms to Major-Genl. Browne. This bearer, Mr. Jacob Culemburg [Kuilenburg], chief engineer, belonging to the Lord General, we send to you that he may view the town of Abingdon, and how the line [of defence] is now drawn, and whether it may not be amended and made a garrison both for winter and summer, and what number of forces may be requisite for that end. We desire you therefore to give him your favourable countenance, and having accomplished what he has been sent thither for to give him such advice and assistance as necessity may require for his safe passage from thence to Banbury, where he is to advise what he shall see necessary for that town. [*Interregnum* 19 *E., p.* 60. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 30. Derby House. The same to Edward Earl of Manchester, similar to the preceding. Mr. [Jacob] Culemburg to view Reading, and give his judgment concerning the fortification thereof. We recommend him to your favour, desiring you to speak in his behalf with the Committee there that means may be provided for carrying out his recommendations, and that his safe return to Abingdon be secured. [*Printed in Soc. Cambd., N. S. xii., pp.* 33, 34. *Ibid., p.* 61. *Copy.* ½ *p.*]

Sept. 30. Order of the House of Commons. On special recommendation of Sir Wm. Armyne and the rest of the Commissioners at Sunderland, it is ordered that John Fenwick be master of Sherburn hospital, Durham; and the said Commissioners are to put him in possession. [*Printed in the Commons' Journals iii.,* 645. *Interregnum* 86, *G.,* 234.]

[Sept.] 11. Petition of Grenvile Wyke to the King. Having been Captain-Lieutenant to the Marquis of Hertford at Sherborne [in 1642] he passed with him into Wales, where he was major in the regiment of Colonel Donnell, in which service he continued during the wars there, and had the command of Swansea; and since your Majesty's coming into these parts he came over and continued at Beer while the quarters were there, and was a lieutenant in this summer's campaign. Being now in great extremity through want of all necessaries, he prays for relief. [1 *p.*]

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Date.	From.	To.	Subject.	Reference.
1644. April 2. Warwick House.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	To place John Petty, purser of the "St. Dennis," as purser of the "Bonaventure" for this present expedition; and John Wright, purser of the "Bonaventure," as purser of the "St. Dennis." [½ *p.*]	1
April 2.	The same - -	The same - -	For John Houting to be porter of his Majesty's new dockyard at Chatham, in place of Richard Jenman, who has never attended his place since his warrant except to receive the profits from it. [¾ *p.*]	2
April 4. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	The ships, part of last winter's guard, designed for the north coast of England, are necessitated to come into port through the expiring of their victuals, and the ships trading to and from those parts will be in danger, divers men-of-war attending to annoy their trade. Prays them to put one month's victuals on board the "John of London," Captain Richard Haidock, at Great Yarmouth, that she may continue at sea till the summer guard come into those parts, to preserve particularly the ships carrying provisions to the Scotch army. [¾ *p.*]	3
April 4. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same, in Tower-street.	For Henry Jelfe to be master gunner of the frigate "Crescent," with the usual allowances. [½ *p.*]	4
April 5.	The same - -	Giles Barrow, muster-master of the fleet set forth in the name of King and Parliament for this present expedition.	Appointing him muster-master of the whole fleet for this present expedition, to repair on board all the ships and pinnaces as often as required, and take exact musters of all on board, to receive the pursers' books, &c. [1 *p.*]	5
April 5. Holborn.	The same - -	Captain Richard Crandley, one of the Commissioners of the Navy.	I directed letters some weeks since to Lynn, requiring the masters of the ships taken by the captains in the service of the King and Parliament to pay the 300*l.* due of the composition made with them by my son the Earl of Manchester, but have not yet received any account of their intentions, nor any return to my directions. I desire that the bonds by them entered into be, with all speed, put in suit that those interested may receive satisfaction. [¾ *p.*]	6
April 6. Treasury Chamber Westminster.	—	—	Orders of the Committee for the Navy. By an order of the Commons, dated March 23 last, the petition of James Ablyn, Dutch merchant, recommended to the House by the States' Ambassador, concerning the corn on board the "Sampson," lately taken as a prize and sold by order of Parliament, was referred to this Committee; ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy deliver in an account of the proceeds of the corn, and how the money was disposed of, that report may be made to the House. [½ *p.*]	7
April 8. Warwick House.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	By a former order Thomas Askew was to be entered master upon the "Constant Reformation," since which the Vice-Admiral hath desired he might take with him the same master as formerly; and Captain Betnell, commander of the "Bonaventure," hath desired he might take Askew with him. These are to require you to enter Askew as master upon the "Bonaventure." [½ *p.*]	8
April 8. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	For Thomas Ryvers to be master carpenter on the frigate "Warwick," with the usual allowances. [½ *p.*]	9

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1644. April 9. Holborn.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	To send on board the "James" six tons of water cask above the usual proportion, as she will be less in port than heretofore, and the oars necessary for her boats. All the merchantmen in the river to speed into the Downs. The "Peregrin" is designed for the Irish squadron, and the "Antelope," "Sampson," and "Lucy," are to be hastened away to the north. [¾ p.]	10
April 9. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	For Robert Fowler, purser of the "Mere Honour," to be purser of the "Constant Reformation" for this present expedition, and John Poltock, purser of the "Constant Reformation," to be purser in the "Mere Honour," till the "Reformation" return to Chatham. [¾ p.]	11
April 10. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	For Isaac Wheeler to be purser of the "Fellowship," with the usual allowances; he giving security to account to the State for all victuals committed to his charge. [¾ p.]	12
April 11.	The same - -	The same - -	To imprest to the bearer, Henry Kime, who hath travelled from Portsmouth to London on special service concerning the ships lately come from the Irish squadron, and is to return to Portsmouth, such sum towards his charges as they think fit. *Underwritten,* 1. "*5l. Imprest upon this order.*" [½ p.]	13
April 12. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	To re-admit Charles Bennyon to the office of purser of the "Hector," from which he had been discharged by the Lord Admiral's warrant, dated March 19, 1643[-4], the Commissioners of the Navy having reported he had discharged his duties faithfully, which report they confirmed on a second reference. [¾ p.]	14
April 13. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	For Henry Younge to be master gunner of the "Convertive," in place of Robert Chamberlain, deceased, with the usual allowances. [½ p.]	15
April 13. Saturday. Treasury Chamber, Westminster.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy that the Commissioners of the Navy certify them, by 8 o'clock on Monday morning, of the names, tonnage, and number of men of all the ships, both the King's and merchantmen, appointed for this summer's expedition, what readiness they are in for present service, and where each ship now is, that account may be given to the House of Commons. [¾ p.]	16
April 14.	The Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	Captain Moulton from the Downs acquaints him his purser never appeared since he came aboard the "Lion," and that the ship wants butter, cheese, beef, pork, and fish; to examine the cause of his staying so long from the ship, and hasten him away with the provisions wanted. Capt. Benjamin Cranley wants his surgeon, who is to be sent forthwith. To despatch the two ketches for the Irish squadron, and to order the captains of the merchantmen of the squadron to hasten to Captain Moulton to the Downs. [½ p.]	17
April 16. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	To give order to pay 76*l.* to Mr. James Nelthorpe for the use of Wm. Peck and Wm. Raikes, of Hull, mariners, who expended that sum for one month's victuals for the "Hector," lately in the Parliament's service, that she might the longer continue in the north parts to secure ships trading to and from ports in amity with the Parliament, and to prevent supplies to the enemy. [¾ p.]	18
April 16. Holborn.	The same - -	The same - -	I am informed Mr. Peach, the commander of the "Warwick" hoy, is still at Gravesend, though he had despatch from me 10 days ago. The service he was commanded to is important, and therefore his delay is less excusable, especially considering that some other vessels have since his coming there gone down. Reprove his neglect and quicken him away speedily, and demand an account of his long stay, wherein if he continue to be blameworthy I	19

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1884.			shall remove him, it being of special consequence to have none in this employment but such as testify their fidelity by being active. [¾ *p.*]	
April 18.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. For the Commissioners of the Navy to contract with the owners of the "Anne and Joyce," merchantman, appointed one of this summer's fleet by the Earl of Warwick, from March 23 last, according to a certificate from the mayor and burgesses of Portsmouth. [½ *p.*]	20
April 18.	—	—	Order of the same that the Commissioners of the Navy take special care the ordinance of Parliament for felling timber in the woods of several delinquents, for the use of his Majesty's navy, be forthwith put in execution. [⅓ *p.*]	21
April 19.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	To contract for the hire for 6 months of the following ships, for the more speedy serving of the north parts of England:—The "Golden Lion," of Leith, Captain Louis Dick; the "Hector," Captain Beddall; "Green Dragon," London, Fr. Greene, commander; "Elizabeth and Ann," Wm. Copping, commander. [½ *p.*]	22
April 19.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy contract with the owners for the employment in this summer's expedition of the "Golden Lion," of Leith, as appointed by the Earl of Warwick. [½ *p.*]	23
April 21. Walmer.	Robert, Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at Tower-street.	Now the "Eighth Whelp" is coming into the river, and the "Providence" and the 2 prizes, give orders where they shall be speedily trimmed up for sea again. If you will have any of them to Chatham, you must send word to meet them, else they come up to Woolwich and Deptford. The "Tiger," that came last, hath divers blocks of tin, which order the Marshal of the Admiralty to look to, they will be else embezzled. Hasten all our ships out to me, for none are in the Downs, and advise with my secretary, Will. Jesop, who is to attend you, about the Dunkirk frigate that landed pickled herring at Falmouth, for if she be used other than well all our merchants' goods will pay for it; also about the ship at Arundel. There is a great plantation going to my island of Trinidad, and they desire a ship of me of 150 tons, with 10 or 12 guns, for transporting some of their people. If any ship fall to me as *bona inimicorum* or salvage from the enemy, let them have it. Colonel Hemsted goes with them, and let her be valued when delivered to them, for they are to pay for her in 3 years. P.S.—I think I must send for some more ships of force, else I doubt the Hollanders will put many affronts on us this summer. Hasten Captain Thomas away with the Warwick frigate. [2 *pp.*]	24
April 22. Treasury Chamber, Westminster.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. Upon information to the Commons House that many Irish are coming out of Ireland into this kingdom to its great annoyance; it is again ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy certify this Committee whether all both King's and merchants' ships are gone out, particularly those for the coast of Ireland; and if any remain yet in the river to return their names and reason of their stay. [¾ *p.*]	25
April 25. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at their office in Tower-street.	If they have entertained Mr. Cook's ketch for this summer's service to let him know what guns she will require. Saywell, a very poor man, without employment, and unable to provide bread for his wife and children, is a suitor to be master of the ketch, and is to be placed upon her if they think fit. [*Margin:* "We have given order for the ketch and master, and desire your order to the Officers of the Ordnance for six small pieces, with appurtenances."] [¾ *p.*]	26

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1644. April 25. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at their office in Tower-street.	At Chatham I gave order to boatswain Arkinstall to go master of the "Dreadnought" and bring her to the Downs, which he hath done; and now that I have admitted Davids [as master of the "Dreadnought] upon your entreaty and his own acknowledgment of his fault, I desire you to reward Arkinstall with somewhat extraordinary for that service. [⅔ *p.*]	27
April 25. Walmer Castle.	The same - -	The same - -	Upon my being in the west last year the bearer, Humfrey Goddard, then steward in the "Swiftsure," was made purser of the "Star" frigate upon Captain Moulton's recommendation; but he being at Portsmouth when the frigate came into the Thames, some of you recommended me another purser for her, Since then Captain Arthur, complaining of divers ill carriages of the purser of the "Hector," I made him purser of that ship, but upon your examination of the business Captain Arthur's charge proved false and scandalous, whereupon he was restored to his place, so that Goddard hath long attended my favour to him without any benefit as yet. He is to be made purser of the "Globe" prize, with the usual allowances, giving good security not to embezzle or waste any of the provisions committed to his charge. [¾ *p.*]	28
April 27. Walmer Castle.	The same - -	The same - -	For the bearer, Edward Place, master gunner of the "Nicodemus" frigate for three years past, to be master gunner of the" Globe" prize now fitting out, for his better encouragement; with the usual allowances. [½ *p.*]	29
April 27. The Downs.	The same - -	The same - -	Captain Moulton has brought in a ship and delivered it into the hands of Edward Goodfellow. Sends an order to Captain Jorden to take charge of her with Captain Mann's prizes and bring her to London. Send these orders away over land, and if I meet any ship going westward I shall likewise send them by sea. I received a letter from the commanders in the north for the entertaining a prize, the "Covenant of Hull," into the northern squadron; she's of small burthen and will be no great charge to the State considering she's a prize. Confer with the Committee [for the Navy] for entertaining her, and providing another ship to be of the Scotch guard, for there wants two. Captain Browne, of the "Sampson," is now of the northern guard; because he is a Scotchman I have thought fit to put him into Captain Dick's squadron, and to appoint Captain Lawson to be of Captain Haddock's. Receive into your hands all the thirds of prizes belonging to mariners not now at London to receive their parts, whereby they may have it ready when they come. P.S.—If the "Star" frigate arrive at Yarmouth before she comes to the Downs write to the victualler there to supply her with such victuals as she wants. [*Damaged.* 1 *p.*]	30
—	[Commissioners of the Navy.]	[Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral,]	*Dorso.* I. We have received your Lordship's letters concerning the prize and sent [word accordingly] to Portsmouth, and doubt not she be sent about. We have agreed with the captain of the "Covenanter," who will be ready with all expedition. We likewise agreed with the "Blessing," Captain Shaftoe, but for want of money to enable him to set out, his ship is fallen off again, so we are now to seek another, with which the fleet will be completed. For the money belonging to the mariners' shares the collectors for the Parliament must be responsible for it, and will issue no money without order from the Committee for the Navy. For the "Star" frigate, we have represented her revictualling to the Committee, who will take order at Yarmouth for her despatch. [*Draft.* 1 *p.*]	31

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1644. —	[Commissioners of the Navy.]	[Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.]	II. Propose a plan for preventing the constant frauds by the pursers of vessels in the victuals used, by which the captain shall check the purser. The reason that moves us hereunto is that we are informed the pursers take a month's victuals short of their proportion, and so between the pursers and the standing officers they bring in the ship sooner than they should, to the great prejudice of the service. [*Draft.* ½ *p.*]	32
April 29. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	I am informed there hath been great abuse the last year by those clerks of the cheque you placed upon the ships in the north and Scotch squadrons, and that some of the merchant ships had not above half their number of men all the time they were abroad. Examine the truth thereof, and search into it, and think of a way to redress that abuse. I conceive the best way will be to set a general muster-master over them, to return books to you monthly from those ships that are northwards, or as often as he can. Recommends for the place this gentleman, Mr. Penrose, that hath lost his estate in the west by the Cavaliers, and hath been at sea with Captain Dick near 2 years. [¾ *p.*]	33
	[Commissioners of the Navy.]	[Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.]	*Margin.* Concerning clerks of the cheque, we had a general muster-master all last winter in the north, who did faithful service and brought things to light of which we shall inform you hereafter, but in regard of the distance of the ships he could not muster all, yet we have been careful in checking those men that wanted in each ship, and for this summer we have placed one Winn, who goes in the "John," as muster-master for the fleet. And for avoiding the inconvenience that ariseth by one muster-master, we have placed in each ship one, so we cannot accommodate the gentleman you write of. [*Draft.*]	34
April 30. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	For William Clark to be master cook on board the "Globe," prize, with the usual allowances. [½ *p.*]	35
May 1.	The same - -	The same - -	For Giles Holdship to be master carpenter of the same ship. [½ *p.*]	36
May 6. The Downs.	The same - -	The same - -	To hasten down the ships and all the catches [ketches] to him, taking care they are fitted with as many guns as is fitting, 6 if possible, and not less than 4; the Officers of the Ordnance to supply them with all necessary stores that he may not have to send them up again to be supplied, as he has done with one already. The captain of Walmer Castle hath supplied the "Spy" frigate with a month's provisions and money for 20 men; to give order he may be paid. Encloses a letter from Mr. Knight and Mr. Johnson, touching some bills of exchange which they have charged upon Captain Crandley; they are to acquaint the Committee for the Navy with it, that they may discharge the said bills. [1 *p.*]	37
May 8. The Downs.	The same - -	The same - -	Captain Reeve Williams is preparing his frigate to go forth upon letters of marque; further him what you can in getting the money due to him from the State. I receive continually complaints of the miscarriages of pursers. I hear [Hugh Salisbury] the purser of the "Providence" hath abused the State very much; examine it thoroughly by hearing Captain Plunkett's charge against him, and in case you find him unfit to continue in his place, you must make him an example by inflicting exemplary punishment upon him. P.S.—I pray you get Reeve Williams his money for his victuals, if he goes out on letters of marque, from the State. He will well deserve it or any kindness that can be shewed him; he is one I much value. Wm. Peake hath been with me, that came master on the "Globe" from Captain Swanley, with good testimony from the Captain of his	38

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1644.			abilities. I wish you had not removed him from the said vessel. If you can place him on any ship or vessel you will do well; otherwise, if you think fit, I will make him master of the "Warwick" hoy, for I have received information from the other side that Peach is a notorious knave. [*Seal of the Lord Admiral.* 1 *p.*]	
May 8. "Walmer Castle," in the Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioner of the Navy, at Tower-street.	Is informed by the Rear Admiral that Thomas Cook, boatswain of the "Guardland [Garland]," does not use fitting authority over the company of the ship, he loves his bed too well, so that the ship's company is not so orderly as it ought to be. John Barnett, boatswain of the "Adventure," is to be boatswain of the "Guardland" for this summer's expedition, Cook taking his place on the "Adventure" till the "Guardland" comes into harbour, when each is to return to his former command. [½ *p.*]	
May 8. At "Walmer Castle," in the Downs.	The same - -	The same - -	For the "Sovereign" to be careened if the master shipwrights and their assistants think necessary, her upper works being carefully viewed and repaired where needful. [*Seal of the Lord Admiral.* ½ *p.*]	40
May 8. Treasury Chamber, Westminster.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. Mr. Robinson, victualler at Chatham, standing much engaged for victuals already spent, so that he is unable to go on with the service without satisfaction, and notwithstanding he was offered 1,000*l.* to be provided on Tuesday or Wednesday next, and other moneys with all speed, having refused to proceed with that service, ordered, that the Commissioners of the Navy take care the service of the victualler of Chatham be supplied by some other if Mr. Robinson still refuse, and convenient money shall be furnished him from time to time; that they use all diligence for despatch of the ships now in the river to the Lord Admiral; and this Committee desire to be satisfied through whose default so defective a ship was appointed to the Vice-Admiral that has now to be repaired when she ought to be in service. [1½ *pp.*]	41
May 9. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	I have given you order heretofore to provide victuals for 20 men more for my ship [the "James"]. About 4 years since Sir John Pennington had 300 men allowed him upon the said ship, when there was not half the occasion to use men there is now. I have likewise ordered 6 tons more of water cask for my ship, that I may not be forced to put into harbour for want of water. Expects speedy performance hereof. You have sent down Holcroft with his ketch to attend on me without fitting men or victuals. If you expect I should man and victual him out of my ship you are deceived, for I have found the inconvenience of victualling other small vessels that I was forced afterwards to take provision from other ships to supply mine; therefore set forth these ketches well manned, with victuals proportionable, or I may not trust them with the carriage of a letter. You must of necessity send Holcroft more men, for he hath but 9 men and a boy to 5 pieces of ordnance and the manning of his vessel, which are too few by as many. P.S.—I pray speak that our men who bring up the prizes be well used, and sent speedily back to their men-of-war again, otherwise it will discourage and make them run away hereafter. [1 *p.*]	42
May 9. From on board the "Garland," in the Downs.	Richard Owen -	Captain Richard Cranley.	Encloses a warrant, by the Lord Admiral's command, that it may be put in speedy execution. [*Seal with arms and crest.* ½ *p.*]	43
May 10	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. For the Commissioners of the Navy to send two ketches of 6 guns each to the Lord Admiral, to be employed about Plymouth, according to an order of the Commons. [½ *p.*]	44

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1644. May 10. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	The seamen that come up with these prizes from Portsmouth complain they are not well satisfied for their pains. Make them reasonable satisfaction, and give content to Mr. Goodfellow for his pains in bringing up the said vessel. I am informed that those whom the Commissioners for prize goods employ at Portsmouth set up bills in the morning, and in the afternoon sell the goods to whom they think fit, in so short a time that no notice can be given for buyers to come and bid, which may prove very prejudicial to the State. Warn the Commissioners, when they send down any for the sale of prize goods there, to set up bills in the market place three days before the goods be sold, whereby the merchants of the Isle of Wight and Hampton and others may have notice and come and bid for the same. P.S.—I would have no more goods sold at Portsmouth than must of necessity be sold there, but that they be all carried up to London, for I am sure there is the best market. [1 *p.*]	45
May 11. The Downs.	The same - -	The same - -	To provide an active and able commander for the "Warwick" hoy in place of Peach, who is to be removed for neglect of the service and wicked behaviour. To consider the boatswain of the "Convertive," and place him upon her [the "Warwick" hoy ?], in case the "Convertive" comes not out this year; those that have long served the State ought to be preferred before strangers. P.S.—Look over this letter of Philers, the hoyman of Chatham, and examine what barks he hath convoyed, for he lay still about Queenborough and neglected my letter three weeks, and lost three winds for his passage. Accept the bills, from Mr. Knight and Mr. Johnson, of Rotterdam, which hath been laid out for the service of the navy, else we shall have no credit abroad, and desire Mr. Green they may be paid without delay. [*Lord Admiral's seal.* 1 *p.*]	46
May 11.	The same - -	The same - -	To pay the "Warwick" hoy four months' wages, to provide her with victuals, and deliver a competent proportion of money to the master to provide more victuals when he is abroad, that he may not be forced to come into the river every two or three months to victual. [*Lord Admiral's seal.* [¾ *p.*]	47
May 15.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. Parliament not having had time to settle the office of Victualler of the Navy, Stephen Allcock, Walter Yonge, and John Bence are to continue as victuallers for the present; and the Commissioners of the Navy are to give them warrant to issue the money they shall from time to time receive by order of this Committee from Sir Henry Vane, junr., Treasurer of the Navy, and also to allow and sign all accounts concerning victualling affairs. [1¼ *p.*]	48
May 15. Holborn.	William Jessop -	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	Conveying the Lord Admiral's desire for Mr. Henry Gordon to be master of the "Eighth Whelp." [¾ *p.*]	49
May 16. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	The same - -	Wilkinson, master gunner of the "Greyhound," comes up to the Officers of the Ordnance for gunner's stores; speak to the officers to give him a speedy despatch, for we have but few vessels in the Downs, and that pinnace is continually employed. The poor man came up last year for his stores and had no allowance for his journey; allow him his expenses for these necessary journeys in the service of the State according to precedent. I intimated to you, in my last, to order the victualler to send ten tons of beer to the Downs for the said pinnace, see it done with all possible speed, she not having above eight days' beer in her. P.S.—Encloses note of things wanting in the "Dreadnought" to be supplied speedily. Since writing this, 14 tuns of beer are come for the	50

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1644.			"James," which she could not take in; I have ordered 10 tuns to the "Greyhound," 4 for the "Dreadnought." [1 *p.*]	
May 18. The Downs.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, in Tower-street.	To send down their pay for C. Wheeler and his company, of the "Greyhound," for their last winter's service. [½ *p.*]	51
May 21.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. For the Commissioners of the Navy to direct some officer at Portsmouth to take up a small vessel to carry victuals from Portsmouth to Guernsey for the frigates "Hart," "Lily," and "Scout," and two shallops employed by the Lord Admiral to attend that island this summer; the next Parliament ship which comes that way to convoy the said vessel to Guernsey. [½ *p.*]	52
May 22. Chatham.	H. Goddard - -	Commissioners of the Navy.	Is entrusted by the deputy-lieutenants with the carrying out of the ordinance for felling delinquents' timber in Kent. Prays order that imprest money may be assigned to Mr. Hayward, or some other, to pay all hoymen that bring the King's timber to Chatham from Faversham or other places, where it is brought to the waterside. It comes so fast to the waterside many hoys will not take it off; although we fell 200 trees short of our number, there will be 7 or 8 loads of timber. Pray answer expectation for imprest to the hoymen, for it will be an undoing of the business for hoymen to come up for payment of their bills until the service is done. [1 *p.*]	53
May 29.	Giles Green - -	The same - -	Without advice with the Committee touching your letter, I answer it is and ever has been the Committee's constant practice to refer to my Lord Admiral, or yourselves in his absence, the managing of all matters of this nature, you being best able to advise my Lord and the Committee in his absence. Therefore you may, with much assurance, direct Captain Swanley for his ships as you conceive most advantageous for saving expense and speedy despatch of the service. [½ *p.*]	54
May 30. Aboard the "James" at anchor before Lyme.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	The same - -	Is yet before Lyme with the Vice-Admiral, "Bonaventure," "Dreadnought," "Expedition," and "Warwick" frigate. The assistance of the ships saved the town, which was brought to such straits it would not have subsisted two days without supply of provisions from us. Note of provisions and ammunition supplied to Lyme out of the ships; all which I have desired the Committee for the West to make good again. The "Elizabeth" of Dartmouth was taken prize last week and sent up to London; the third part for the seamen belongs to the ships named. Names of those of the crew of the "James," who were on board the "Guardland" ["Garland"] when she took the "Tiger" prize, and who ought to have a share in the seamen's third. Send Captain Richard Swanley and Captain Smith to me with all possible speed. To hasten away the "Hector" and the other ships in the river, also the "Crescent" frigate and the ketches. Twenty tuns of water cask to be sent at once; the country is all in opposition to the Parliament, so he cannot supply himself with fresh water, and for want of it the ship's company are in danger of contracting sicknesses. [2 *pp.*]	55
June 5. Lyme Road.	The same - -	The same - -	Is very loth to be deprived of the services of any of the ships by their returning into harbour for the remainder of their provisions, so desires the victualler to send speedily to Portsmouth the provisions received short in the "James," "Reformation," "Bonaventure," and "Dreadnought," that on their going severally thither they may receive them aboard without making any unnecessary stay. The "Hind" frigate and "Seaflower" ketch came in yesterday. [½ *p.*]	56

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1644. June 13. Lyme Road.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	Has discharged Captain Wheeler of the "Greyhound" from his charge for not observing the Vice-Admiral's commands and for neglect of the service. Has sent a blank commission which they are to fill up in case Captain Zachary shall not accept the charge, to whom it is to be first offered. If Captain Ellison desire to retain charge of the "Providence" at his return from Holland, he is to do so, otherwise it is to be offered to Captain Zachary if he refuse the "Greyhound," and unless Captain Plunket be restored to it by the House of Commons. [*Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]	57
June 14.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy take note of the burthen and captain of the "Elizabeth and Thomas" of Liverpool, belonging to Colonel Moore, who through inexperience neglected to make a contract with the Commissioners for the said ship, and enter her in their books that she may be taken into pay, and make out a bill of imprest for 60*l.* to Colonel Moore upon the ship's account. [1 *p.*]	58
June 15. Aboard the "James" before Lyme.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	I intend to send my Vice-Admiral for the Downs with a prize; let his beer, butter, and cheese for this summer's voyage meet him there. Desires the bread the fleet relieved Lyme with may be sent them again. Note of ammunition to be sent down to Portsmouth for the fleet. Mr. Holt must supply the small frigates and ketches with victuals. Last night the Sergeant-Major of Lyme issued out upon the Irish quarters eastward of the town and drove up the enemy that was then preparing to march, and who, about two in the night, marched away westward; so God be thanked He hath made us good instruments for preserving this poor town, who have most valiantly defended themselves, with the assistance of 300 of our men, and made their enemies to rise from before the town. I am looking westward towards Plymouth. Hasten out Captain Swanley and Captain Smith with all speed, for we hear of some preparation in Brittany. [*Lord Admiral's seal.* 2 *pp.*]	59
June 22. Aboard the "James" in Portland Road.	The same - -	The same - -	Has required the purser of the "Providence" to return to his charge. The occasions of the kingdom call for a constant attendance of ships on the west coasts; desires the provisions put on board the ships short may be sent to Portsmouth so that the ships may not go too far out of their way. Weymouth being secured, I shall hasten westward to assist in getting in the ports that yet stand out. Meantime ships attend the places of most danger, so I hope God will give much blessing to our endeavours, especially considering my Lord General's army being in the western parts. [1 *p.*]	60
June 27. Portland Road.	The same - -	The same - -	Urges the necessity of supplying the victuals short of the ships' summer supply at once, and also those spared out of the ships to save Lyme. Has sent up his purser about it. The "Bonaventure" is so low in provisions he is fain to send her into the Downs for supply of her own and the other ships' defects. Provisions and ammunition necessary for the smaller vessels, which must be sent from London as Portsmouth cannot furnish any supply. [*Seal with arms and coronet.* 1 *p.*]	61
July 2. Portland Road.	The same - -	The same - -	Has sent Mr. Speaker a copy of their letter of June 26, omitting that part which advises furnishing the pursers with the money taken in Lyme Road, not that I desire to conceal it, for I have given notice thereof to both Houses and the Committee of both kingdoms; but it may divert them from supplying money some other way, and beget an order for disposing of that which before adjudication is not dis-	62

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1644.			posable. I presented the defects of the navy, and desired the House to pass your ordinance that you may act with more encouragement. The need of victuals being despatched for the ships and settling a course for victualling small vessels at Portsmouth. Is sending a ketch from Captain Moreton to revictual at Portsmouth, but with little hope of success, as Mr. Holt can do no more till the State's debt to him is lessened. Send me a note when the contracts for merchantmen and for victualling the King's ships determine that I may better judge of the state of the fleet. [1 *p.*]	
July 3.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. For the Commissioners of the Navy to give warrant to the victuallers to issue out of the stores at Tower-hill the quantity of victuals supplied by the fleet to relieve the town of Lyme, which are to be replaced in the magazine by the Committee of the West. [⅔ *p.*]	63
July 3.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. For the Commissioners of the Navy to make out a bill of imprest to the Treasurer of the Navy for 50*l.*, to be paid to Henry Goddard and Joseph Pett, master shipwrights, towards the carriage to Chatham of timber felled in the woods of delinquents in Kent. [½ *p.*]	64
July 8.	—	—	Order of the same. For the Commissioners of the Navy to certify them by two o'clock to-morrow afternoon, in Merchant Taylors' Hall, the names and salaries of all superior and inferior officers in the navy before and after the ordinance of September 15, 1642. [⅔ *p.*]	65
July 10.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy take care that the timber which by two ordinances of Parliament is to be felled in delinquents' woods and Waltham Forest, be ordered for the best advantage of the navy, and conveyed to such of his Majesty's yards as they think most convenient. [⅔ *p.*]	66
July 10. Treasury Chamber, Westminster.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy order the victuallers of the navy to provide victuals for two months, from September 10 next, for the "Lion," "Entrance," and "Crescent" frigate, part of the Irish guard, that they may keep at sea till other ships be provided; and order the owners of the merchant ships employed for this summer's service to keep out their ships for the full eight months, and supply them with victuals accordingly. [⅔ *p.*]	67
July 12.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy call in the "Bonaventure" to be docked and have her leaks repaired. [½ *p.*]	68
July 19.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy imprest 100*l.* to Mr. Jeseph Pett towards the carriage of the 700 tons of timber he certifies to be felled in delinquents' woods and ready to be carried to his Majesty's yards. [⅔ *p.*]	69
July 30.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy consider the annexed list of ships, pinnaces, and merchantmen for the winter guard, and confer with the owners of such ships as they think fit to keep out, about their revictualling for six months, and provide fresh shipping to complete the number appointed by Parliament, and return an estimate. [½ *p.*] *Annexed,* 1. *List of ships appointed for the winter guard.* [1 *p.*]	70

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1644. July.	Giles Green - -	Commissioners of the Navy.	The "Crescent" will be at Tilbury suddenly; the money to be sent by her was this day sent to Portsmouth by land. To take up a vessel to carry 20 tons of ammunition, arms, and other provisions to Weymouth, which the "Crescent" is to convoy if she come, if not, to send letters to the Rear Admiral in the Downs to provide a convoy. [1 *p.*]	71
August 2.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy grant warrants to press mariners for the ships to convoy the herring fishing this season. [½ *p.*]	72
August 10. Plymouth.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at their office in Tower-street.	Has sent up the ketch "Providence" to be discharged from the service, the master desiring it and his contract having expired. The Vice-Admiral lent the master 5*l.*, which is to be deducted on his account. *Underwritten,* 1. *Received this 19th Aug.*, 1644, *on which day the ketch came to Tower Wharf. T. R.* [*Lord Admiral's seal.* ½ *p.*]	73
August 12. Plymouth.	The same - -	The same - -	The victuals and ammunition have arrived; all the ships westward, except the "Providence," have been obliged to leave their stations for want of them. Has written again to the House about the state of the navy. To hasten away the "Swallow" and "Leopard" and the two months' victuals bound for Milford. To urge the necessity of speedily preparing a winter guard. Sends certificate of the sufficiency of the "Guardland" ["Garland"] for the winter's service. P.S.—Stephen Rich to be master of some good ship for the winter's service. You must consider seriously the danger, by an inlet to the Irish rebels, if the merchant ships for the Irish sea be not revictualled, or others sent in their room. [*Lord Admiral's seal.* 1 *p.*]	74
August 20.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. Upon several letters from the Committee at Sunderland, with examinations of Captain Haddock and others against Captain David Brown, of the "Sampson" prize, now in this summer's service, that having taken a Holland frigate, the "Utrecht," with passengers, powder, and merchandize for Scarborough, he and his company exceedingly plundered the said ship and her lading; it is ordered that the Commissioners of the Navy, when the "Sampson" comes in, pay no wages to Captain Brown or his company till the State has been satisfied for the injuries done by them. [½ *p.*]	75
August 20.	—	—	The like order. For the Commissioners of the Navy to make out a bill for 30*l.* to Abraham Percy, master of the "Amy," of London, for his expenses while detained eight weeks in Milford Haven, waiting for a convoy; Captain Plunkett and Captain Williams appointed to convoy him when carrying gunpowder to Liverpool having left him at Land's End, so that, for fear of the Bristol fleet, he was forced to put into Milford. [½ *p.*]	76
August 21. Plymouth.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at their office in Tower-street.	Bearer is one of the company of the "Margaret and Phœbe," of Colchester, lately taken by an Irish man-of-war at Wexford, and is sent over to procure an exchange of 27 English and Scots, detained prisoners at Wexford and Limerick, for 24 Irish, now prisoners at London, of the company of the ship whereof Edward Chamlett was master. It will be a work of charity to get our men from under so base an enemy, therefore assist their relief. It is a pity the Irish should be released, yet the suffering of so many English and Scots must not be forgotten. [½ *p.*]	77

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1644. August 21. Plymouth.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy, at their office in Tower-street.	To revictual the ships at Guernsey, they having but three weeks' victuals left. The time draws nigh for our returning to the Downs, therefore hasten out the winter guard or revictual some of the ships abroad, that the ports here may not be left open. The enemy want powder and arms, whereof supplies are daily expected at Dartmouth, and access is only hindered by the ships' attendance there. [*Copy.* 1 *p.*]	78
August 23. Plymouth Sound.	The same - -	The same - -	To provide a vessel in place of the "Maria" pinnace, she being unfit for further service. The prize Captain Penn brought to London will perhaps do. The vessel chosen is to be a good sailer, and carry 6 or 8 guns. P.S.—The guns in the "Maria" will be fit for the vessel pitched on. [⅔ *p.*]	79
August 23. Plymouth.	The same - -	The same - -	This day the "Leopard" and "Swallow" came into the Sound. I have signified my desire to the Committee of the Navy that 2 or 3 more ships be presently taken up to complete the squadron for Milford, and a victualler be settled at Barnstaple or Pembroke as you desire. Hears nothing of Captain Ashmore's ship. Concerning the "Maria," as above. [½ *p.*]	80
August 26.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy take up the second of the two vessels ordered by the Committee of both kingdoms for intelligence between Parliament and the Earl of Essex, on contract to take such powder, arms, and ammunition as shall be laden by the Committee for the West to be carried to Lyme. In case the vessel cannot be ready by Thursday next [Aug. 29] they are to take up sufficient tonnage in the "Thomas," Wm. Gipson, master, now lying at Tower Wharf. [⅔ *p.*]	81
August 31.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy order the victuallers of the navy to send away 4 months' victuals for 1,000 men to the Lord Admiral, to be disposed among the ships kept out for the winter guard; in the 4 ships now ready to go for the Irish guard, one half the proportion of beer to be sent in malt. [⅓ *p.*] *Underwritten,* 1. *Warrant given 2 September to the victuallers accordingly. Another warrant the same day to deliver Mr. Tho. Clarke so much money as may provide necessaries. Tho. L.* [½ *p.*]	82
Sept. 11.	—	—	Order of the same. That the Commissioners of the Navy return an estimate of the money required to furnish the provisions demanded for Portsmouth. [⅓ *p.*]	83
Sept. 12. Portsmouth.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	To hasten Mr. Marett into the Downs to pilot the "James" to Chatham, which with the "Dreadnought" has come to St. Helen's road. [*Seal of the Lord Admiral.* ½ *p.*]	84
Sept. 13.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy do certify them which of the ships bound for Ireland is most convenient to take the Irish prisoners who are to be exchanged for Englishmen, prisoners at Washford [Wexford], and where she now rides. [½ *p.*]	85
Sept. 16. Walmer Castle.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	The "James" and "Dreadnought" are come to the Downs, and stay only for a pilot to bring them into harbour. The "Dreadnought" is to go to Woolwich for repairs, which will fit her for many years' service. [*Lord Admiral's seal, broken.* ½ *p.*]	86

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1644. Sept. 17. Walmer Castle.	Robert Earl of Warwick, Lord Admiral.	Commissioners of the Navy.	Since coming to the Downs hears nothing of the victuals said to be speeding away for the winter guard. Fears the ships will be obliged to withdraw from Plymouth if they be not hastened away. At Walmer received a petition from a poor woman for 6*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* due to her for diet and attendance on James Bushell, gunner of the "Spy" frigate, injured in the Parliament's service. The money was paid, petitioner's husband being in the "Lion," and is to be stopped out of Bushell's wages. To give order for allowance to Bushell out of the chest on his applying for it. P.S.—Hopes to be at Chatham to-morrow or next day, and to meet some of them about paying off his ships. [*Seal with device.* 1 *p.*]	87
Sept. 17.	—	—	Order of the Committee for the Navy. That the Commissioners of the Navy forthwith send away the two ships with victuals to Captain Batten, Vice-Admiral, now before Plymouth, for supply of the ships to be winter guard there. [½ *p.*]	88
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Sept. 30. Warwick House.	The same - -	The same - -	Divers stuffs belonging to London merchants were heretofore brought from Dartmouth by some seamen, belonging to a ship that ran away to Dartmouth in her voyage outward. Forty pieces of the stuff are now at my house in Holborn to be restored to the proprietors after a reasonable salvage paid. These are	96

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A continuation of certain Special and Remarkable Passages informed to the Parliament and from other parts of the kingdom. One number, viz., No. 7, from 8 to 15 Feb. 1643–44. Printed for F. Coles and F. Leach, and are to be sold in the Old Baily. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

The Kingdom's Weekly Intelligencer, sent abroad to prevent mis-information, published weekly. 3 Nos., viz., No. 39, from 9 to 16 Jan.; No. 42, from 30 Jan. to 7 Feb.; and No. 45, from 20 to 29 Feb. Printed according to order, for Robert White. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

A Perfect Diurnal of some Passages in Parliament (New Series), published weekly. 6 Nos. for 1644, viz., No. 23, from 25 Dec. 1643 to 1 Jan. 1643–44; No. 25, from 8 to 15 Jan.; No. 29, from 5 to 12 Feb.; No. 31, from 19 to 26 Feb.; No. 33, from 11 to 18 March; No. 36, from 1 to 8 April 1644. Printed for Francis Coles and Laurence Blaikelock, and are to be sold at their shops in the Old Baily and at Temple Bar. Licensed and entered according to order in the Stationers' Register book. Imprimatur G. M. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

The Weekly Account, communicating the choicest and most remarkable intelligence from all parts of the kingdom, published weekly, 5 numbers, of which 2 are for 1644, viz., No. 33, from 7 to 13 Feb.; and No. 34, from 13 to 20 Feb. Printed by Bernard Alsop, and published according to order. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

The True Informer, published weekly. One number for this year, viz., No. 22, from 10 to 17 Feb. 1643–44. Licensed and entered in the Stationers' Hall book according to order. Printed for Thos. Bates and J. W. Junior. Contains report of the assault on Newcastle by the Scots. The names of the Council of State are, for the House of Lords:—Earls of Northumberland, Essex, Manchester, and Warwick, Lords Say and Sele, Wharton and Robartes. For the House of Commons, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Sir Wm. Waller, Sir Arthur Hasselrig, Sir Wm. Ermin, Sir Henry Vane, senr., Sir Henry Vane, junr., Sir Philip Stapleton, Mr. Crew, Mr. Solicitor [St John], Mr. Browne, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Perrepont, Col. Cromwell, and Mr. Wallop.

Mercurius Britanicus; communicating the affairs of Great Britain for the better information of the people. Published weekly. 5 Nos. are for this year, viz., No. 19, from 28 Dec. 1643 to 4 Jan. 1643–44; No. 21, from 29 Jan. to 5 Feb.; No. 22, from

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Mercurius (Britannus) communicating the plain truth without favour or flattery. One number only, viz., No. 2, from 31 Jan. to 6 Feb. 1643–44. Published according to order. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

Mercurius Anglicus, or a Post from the North. Published weekly. One number only, viz., No. 2, from 13 to 20 Feb. 1643–44. Printed for T. B. [Thos. Bates]. It contains the following paragraph :—It was this week informed to the Honble. House of Parliament, by a gentleman of quality who came out of Ireland, that there be 30,000 English and Scots entered into a covenant to withstand the rebels, and if they can be but furnished with necessaries for three months, they will all sacrifice their lives in that just and lawful war, which business being well accepted of by the House and taken into further consideration, for their better aid and assistance it is probable that this army will be ready to draw into the field, and the rebels thereby prevented from coming over into England, and if upon an impeachment of high treason drawn up by the Parliament against the Earl of Ormond he be found guilty, a time may come to bring him to condign punishment. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

Occurrences or Perfect Occurrences of certain passages in Parliament and of the affairs of the kingdom. Published weekly. Two numbers, viz., No. 11, from 1 to 9 March 1643–44; and No. 21, from 10 to 17 May 1644. Published according to order. Printed for Andrew Coe. Number 11 contains these particulars :—1. The States' Embassadors' message from the King to the Parliament, and how they have got admittance from his Majesty to treat between him and his Parliament, and to bring our grievances before his Majesty. 2. How Col. Cromwell gave them an alarm at Oxford, and falling into their quarters, took 60 horse, besides arms and good pillage. 3. The Parliament's humble answer to his Majesty's letter desiring his Majesty to return to the Parliament and to join with them in settliug the kingdom in peace, propounded by his Excellence [the Lord General] at a conference in the name of the House of Lords. 4. How the Cavaliers issued out of Newark upon Sir John Meldrum, but were beaten in again with great loss. 5. A Declaration to be sent to our brethren of Scotland, in answer to a Remonstrance from thence, concerning the prosecution of the Covenant, the settling of the Church, the 100,000*l.* to be paid the Scots, and the relief of Ireland. 6. How Inchiquin being displeased that the Earl of Portland is made President of Munster, which was the only reward himself expected, has deserted the enemy and is returned into Ireland, to join with the Protestants against the Irish rebels. No. 21 contains the following passages :—The keepers of all prisons in and about London are required by the Parliament not to permit such access of persons to the prisoners of war as they do, that only such as bring them victuals may have access unto them,

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for that if any design be in the City the prisoners will break out first. And the City is likewise desired to have all their trained bands and auxiliaries now left in readiness, that at two hours warning they may be fit for a march if occasion be.

There is a great noise that King Charles is coming to London, I could wish he was; but I fear this is only but a noise to startle us and stop the cry of some plot or other, which the enemy are in hand about, they are cunning and cruel; I pray God bring his Majesty from amongst them, but when they come with peace in their mouths, then have we most need to look about us, because blood is in their hearts.

The Lord General's forces are about 12,000 horse and foot besides the City regiments which came to him yesterday, which will make the enemy keep at a distance. [*Newspaper Collection I.*]

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Page 17, line 21, for "Achibald" *read* "Archibald."
„ 21 „ 11 from bottom, "Pilcocke," *sic* in MS., but *read* "Pidcocke."
„ 27 „ 9, "Woolvercott, co. Gloucester," *read* "co. Oxon."
„ 38 „ 16, for "Bereton" *read* "Brereton."
„ 76 „ 7, for "to" *read* "of."
„ 117 „ 10, for "prison" *read* "prisoner."
„ 197 „ 14, for "by" *read* "to."
„ 216 „ 9 from bottom, for "General-Major Skipper," *read* "Major-General Skippon."
„ 293 „ 5 from bottom, for "Milmot" *read* "Wilmot."
„ 365 „ 12 from bottom, for "Tiger of *Rotterdam*," *read* "*Amsterdam*," p. 209.
Pages 364, 369, 381, 427, 429, for "*Lieut.*-Genl. Browne," *read* "*Major*-Genl."
Page 394, line 22 from bottom, for "suberbs" *read* "suburbs."
„ 407 „ 19, for "Thomas," *read* "Ferdinando" Lord Fairfax.
„ 541 „ 2 from bottom, ditto.
„ 556 „ 16 from bottom, for "Jeseph" *read* "Joseph."

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